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Fisheries Overseer and Inspector
Southern Ontario, 1864-1888

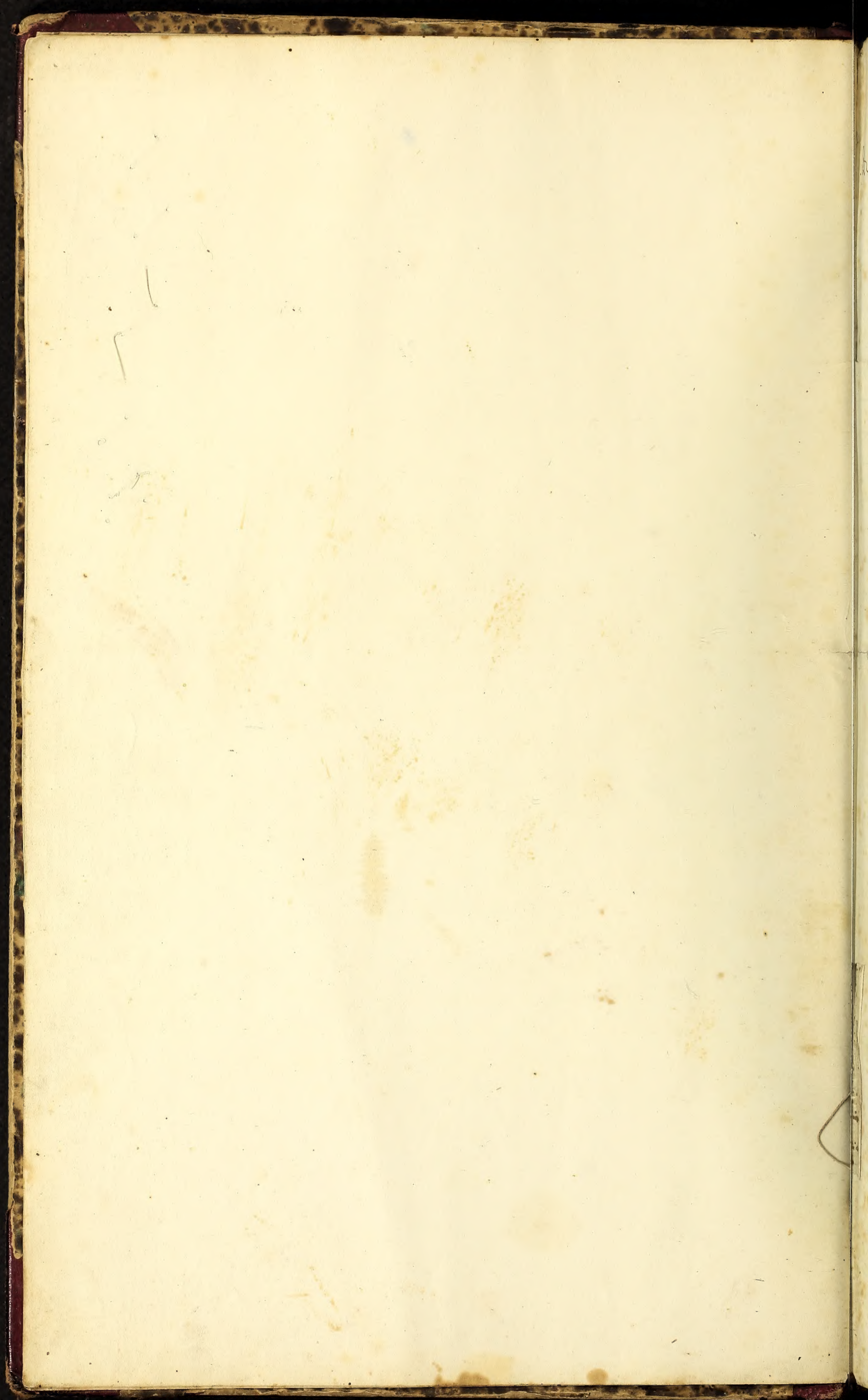
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Ser.

15. July 1870. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Draft No: 528, for twenty dollars. -

This amount you will please apply for this current year of 1870. - as follows;

1. Mr Wm Rodkins, fishing station No: 8. on the Burlington beach in Lake Ontario, \$ 10.00 &

2. Messrs John Laaffe, and Aaron Blatches, fishing station No: 9, on Burlington Beach, in Lake Ontario, 10.00

Total \$ 20.00 &

I have the Honor &c.

Hon: P: Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

John W Kent
D. O.

Thursday. 14. July 1870.

at B. beach. - was informed by Jack Laaffe, that Dan. McJozne, had put his Herring line behind the white fish line in hauling. -

Eliza McJozne told me that John Dyne people had done the same thing. - that they did not see it; but heard the noise of the cork - and that John had smacked the small white fish. - and Mrs Fred Corey, told me that John Dyne, Jack Laaffe, and Rodkins, she heard had all done the same thing. -

Wm Rodkins paid me \$ 10, and Jack Laaffe, \$ 10. Rent of station as above for current year of 1870. - gave Rodkins his license, and Jack Laaffe his note, saw Rodkins Jack Laaffe, and Eliza McJozne haul for herring. - went out at 8. am, came in at 5. p.m. - mile about 26. At buggy. -

Tuesday 19th July 1870.

at Woodstock to see Judge Macqueen respecting
the letter copied below. - went out at 7^{1/2} am,
came in at 6. p. m. - miles 47^{1/2}. - Exp. fare 2.90
dinner 35¢. -

Woodstock, Onto.

Sir.

9th June 1870. -

I am about to become one of the owners of a pond of water situated in the Township of Blandford in this County (Oxford). -

It covers about 30 acres of ground - There is no outlet from it. - There are, I am told, a few fish in it now, such as bafs, and small sun fish. -

We are of opinion that it is well adapted for the propagation of White fish, Salmon and Salmon Trout, and propose stocking it with such fish, if the Government will set it apart for such purpose, and grant us the right thereof, with regulations for its protection under the "Fisheries Act", in perpetuity. -

Will you therefore have the goodness to inform me whether we can obtain such right, and protection from the Government if we enter on the enterprise with the views stated.

The Hon.

The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir
Your Obedt. Servant,
D. S. Macqueen,
Judge Co. Court. -

Fisheries

No. 1626. -

1870.

Department of Marine and Fisheries

D. S. Macqueen

Woodstock June 9th

Onto.

S.

State he intends trying artificial propagation of fish in Blandford, and that certain matters be set apart. -

Oct 22, June, and Referred to Mr Kerr, for examination of locality and report. Letter to be returned with report. -

Sir,

20 July 1870. -

I have the honor to report on Judge Macquenn's application herewith - very briefly. - - -

I proceeded to Woodstock on yesterday, by Railway, met the Judge on the platform, introduced myself and my business. - - He replied to me that he had recently examined the pond referred to and found it nothing but a mud hole, and unfit for the purpose for which he had applied to have it set apart. That for the present he has abandoned the matter altogether. - -

Under the Circumstances I did not deem it necessary to visit the place, and make an additional report of ~~the~~ ^{the} unfitness of this piece of water to breed white fish, salmon and salmon trout therein. -

Any person reading Judge Macquenn's letter, I can hardly see ~~no~~ difficulty in coming to a final conclusion that the place he proposed to breed white fish &c. &c. in, was not a fit nor proper place to do so. - ~~to say that the fish referred to will not live in any such place.~~

I Have &c.

John W Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

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Sir

20. July 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of \$100, being my salary for the half year ending 30th day of June last past. Receipts in duplicate herewith.

I Have &c.

Hon. P. Mitchell,
 &c. &c. &c.

John W. Kent,
 J. D. Van der.

Sir,

27. July 1870.

I have after much reasoning, and a good deal of persuasion, succeeded in giving the Cisco gill net mesh at $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches square; $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches extension measure, at B. beach, Lake Ontario. - - -

This will make the take, and Catch of this class of fish more profitable to the fishermen; and again more acceptable to the consumer, to the people. -

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell.

&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

27. July 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith a Bank draft, for the sum of \$20. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for the years 1869, and 1870. as following statement presents itself. - - -

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Mr John Birrell, Frenchman's bay, Lake Ontario, on acct of his license in full, for Salmon & Trout, gill nets for the past year of 1869. - | \$5.00 |
| 2. Mr John Birrell, do. do. do. - | 10.00 |
| 3. Mr Philo D. Bates, on acct of White fish gill net license, at the fifty point, Lake Ontario, for this current year of 1870. - | 5.00 |
| | Total. - \$20.00 |

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell,

&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

27. July 1870.

I have the honor to recommend to your consideration, the property there is of setting apart the waters of B. bay, and Dundas marsh, together with all inlets, and outlet ponds. Coves and points thereunto, belonging; the same being situated in the County of Wentworth, and Halton, and Province of Ontario. -

For the artificial and natural propagation of all kinds of fish frequenting the same, as named in the Fisheries Act. -

Will you be pleased to do this, immediately.

I Have &c.

Hon. P. Mitchell,

John W. Leno
J. O.

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Thursday 21. July 1870. -

At B. beach, and as far up as Mrs Joan Baldry's and Jim Waddell, gave Mrs Baldry her leave for the Lake fishing, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. Miles 26. Horse & buggy. -

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Monday, 26th July 1870.

at B. beach, went down to see the Mer-
ring fishing; - bought #1. worth of gill net
fish from Jack Talpe, saw Jonathan Corey
hauling for herring, also W. Backus' home by
City of Hamilton, went out at 9. a.m. came
in at 6. p.m. miles 26. H & buggy. -

Sir,

27. July 1870.-

I beg most respectfully to draw your attention to my application of the 11th of July instant, respecting the laws I wish to have established, for the catching of Salmon Trout, and White fish, gill nets, in Lake Ontario.

There is another matter in connection with Salmon Trout, and White fish gill net fishing, and that is; that no nets shall be set within five miles of the beach, or shore of Lake Ontario.

at Frenchman's Bay, Lake Ontario, it is carried on with much success, about 12 miles from shore. The subjoined statement, will show you the result of the fishing there this season.

1. Mr James Skilth, Caught 1471, Salmon Trout			
and sold them for,			\$21.68
2. John Fisher.	650.	do.	292.50.
3. John Birrell.	615.	do.	276.75
4. George Mackay.	260.	do.	117.00
5. David Bowhall	550.	do.	261.10

An average price of about 44¢ for each trout.

I hope a regulation will be at once fixed to protect this magnificent fish, and I may almost say, in all respects to our fresh Salmon.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
Jr. S.

Hor: G. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

1. August 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of July last, just past. — In reply, I beg most respectfully to inform you, that I considered there was a real necessity for prescribing the dimension of mesh of gill nets for bees at 2½ inches extension measure. — I don't know how it was, but expecting your answer to be what it is, I communicated to the fishermen by notice, a short time ago, that I would issue no license to any of them for bees gill net fishing, whose net meshes were found to be under 2½ inches extension measure. —

It is about 2 years ago, since I addressed you on this subject. — And I have been pressing the fishermen for this change ever since. — It is no inconvenience to them now, whatever. —

My object in having a prescribed mesh for bees, has arisen from the fact, that some fishermen would, to their own injury, persist in fishing 1½, 2, and 2¼ inches extension measure, (meshes) just as their fickle fancy changes. — The consequence was that the fishermen, who were so imprudent, as to fish the small mesh gill nets, more expensive too, caught more fish in number, but less, and inferior in size, quantity, and quality, than those who fished a large sized mesh. —

Large fish now a days, command a large price. —

I have a two fold object in view in my endeavours to effect this matter. —

First. — I wish to preserve the small fish, until they grow sufficiently large

to be caught in 2½" inch mesh (net) extension measure. —

And secondly, my desire is to see the best, and largest clasp of birds caught, and taken to our market. —

I hope you will be pleased to excuse me for troubling you so much about a matter at first view, so very trifling. —

The fishermen will however, be great gainers by this matter, being sanctioned by you, and as for me I shall ever feel grateful.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
N. A.

Hon. P. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Monday. — 1. Aug 2 1870. —

At B. beach, found everything correct and regular — bought a dollar worth of white fish from Dick Laaffe, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 6½ p.m. — miles 30. A & happy. —

Paid Wm. Madell #7. x 5.
" Simoneline .. 6.
" John Barr — 15.
" Monair 5.

Wednesday 3rd August Paid my respects to Hon. Peter Mitchell, Minister of Marine, and Fisheries. He was very glad to see me, and stated so, I got leave from him to come down to Ottawa. He introduced me to his daughter. He appears to be a fine man, talked about Simon Kerr claim to Bay fishing near Wilberforce. —

My dear Sir. -

I send you herewith the sum of ^{\$}15 dollars. -

This is to pay you for any services you may have rendered to the department up to the 30th day of June last, of this year. -

I had a letter from Mr James Pack, asking for a cheap license to fish a Salmon trout gill net. I can give him no license under \$5. which must be paid before he commences to fish, and I will not sanction any Salmon trout gill net to be fished between the Rouge, and Whitley that has not got a seven inch mesh. - So that whenever you see Mr James Pack you can tell him so. - When it gets a little cooler, I shall come down and prepare for the fall Salmon protection, for all our Creeks. -

Don't allow any person to spear in Duffins Creek. - Mr Moses Smith may angle for pike - but no pike nor any other kind of nets can be used in the Creek any more, unless I give the written authority. - a thing I don't intend to do. - Yours Sincerely,

John W. Kerr
D. O. Sullivan
Hamilton, Onto.
8. Aug¹ 1870.

Wm Hartwick Esq
J. R. A. 13, 4,
Duffins Creek
Pickering O. office.

My dear Sir

5. August 1870.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, wishing to lease your Mr Thomas Slade to the Stobrocks, in Lake Ontario. - You can have it as you propose for \$10. for the year, and for ten miles out. -

If you intend to fish for Salmon Trout, with gill nets. - Your meshes must ^{not} be less than three inches square, six inches extension measure. - And if you make all your Trout nets seven inches in the mesh, you will do still better. - - and White fish gill nets will have to be five full inches extension measure in the mesh. -

While the lesser gill nets require to be two inches and a half inch extension measure. - -

The object I have in view in drawing your attention to these different sizes of the mesh of nets is, that you may catch nothing but choice fish. -

Besides I don't mean to give out license any more to any person who will not conform to this rule, which I intend shall be a condition in the lease. -

I have had several applicants for the fishing ground you have just applied for, but I made up my mind to give the whole place to you and David Ward of the Toronto Island. -

You will not be troubled with any other person. From Mr Ward, and his men you can learn a great deal that will be of use to you in your fishing. -

Should any other person or persons make their appearance on the ground, you have power to seize their nets and hand them over to me, and if you don't like to do this yourself: Write to me immediately, and I will take you at once and act in the matter. -

I send you license herewith and you can pay your license money, in October as you propose. -

Mr Ward
Middle Road
Port Credit

John W. Ward

6. Aug⁵ 1870.

Sir. In obedience to your request, I have now the honor to send you the original license issued to the Long Point Company, for the year 1870. -

I obtained this license from Mr John Brown this day, for the purpose of having the special clause you allude to, entered in it, by you.

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell,
 & & &

I Have &c
 John W. Kerr
 J. D.

Sir.

6. Aug⁵ 1870.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 24th ultimo, "a circular" with "six blank permits" for use to Foreigners, desiring to angle for pleasure in the inland waters within this Hamilton District. -

In reply, I have the honor to report that your instructions to me on this head, shall be faithfully carried out.

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell,
 & & &

I Have &c
 John W. Kerr
 J. D.

Sir,

16. Aug^r 1870.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30th ultimo, in reply to my communication of the 11th and the 27th of July last. —

It was only necessary for me to have the sanction of the Commissioners and the Department to do as you say. and such was my object in applying. —

There is a great necessity for increasing the size of meshes of gill nets used for catching Salmon trout, and white fish to six inches extension measure. — I grounded my application on my own personal observation, as well as the daily experience of the Fishermen at Frenchman's bay, whose success with seven inch mesh trout gill nets, which I have already laid before you, entitle them to much of your consideration, as it does to my warm esteem. —

I am of course aware that the legal size of meshes of nets for Salmon is only five inches. — I believe however, that there is no gill net of this or any size, used to catch the Salmon. —

About this season of the year a few of the fishermen in my District, commence, and fish a five inch mesh gill nets for Salmon trout, the consequence is, a very small class of fish is taken. —

Your remedy to me is a good one and I shall in future strictly attend to, and enforce it. —

I Have &c

Hon^{ble} Peter Mitchell
H. H. H.John W. Kerr
D. D.

My dear Sir, —
I send you herewith \$30,
I cannot allow you more than five dollars a
month: As the department wishes everything to
be done economically. —

Messrs Brook, Streete, that man at Port
Roman, and Cockett, have not sent me their
money, nor the balances. — Neither has Daddy
Jackson paid all up. —

The Port Roman people who have got
Big Marsh don't own one chair all around;
is left for the Fisheries. — — —

This \$30, now sent will have to
do for the last quarter, and the present one.

When the weather cools down, I will
come up. —

I suppose Jackson, and Helmer, have
settled their squabble, as I heard nothing
of it since. —

Write me and tell me what is
going on. —

Peter Price Esq
St Williams
Walsingham P. Office,

Yrs Vc
John W. Kers
8. 8
8. Aug 5 1870.

Sir,

15. Aug⁵ 1870.

I have the honor to send you an application for the Hon^{ble} Mr. Dunkin, Minister of Agriculture.

Should this application meet your approbation will you be pleased to get me the appointment.

It is a matter that will in no way interfere with my present duties, provided you have no objection.

I Have &c.

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell

John W. Kerr

&c. &c. &c.

D. A.

Sir,

"County of Wentworth"

I have the honor to apply to you for the app^t of Commissioners for the United Counties of Wentworth - for taking the Census.

I am at present a Fishery Officer of the Hamilton District; I am and I trust favorably known to the Hon^{ble} Peter Mitchell, the Minister. - I hope he will bring my name before you, with the view of getting the appointment.

I was an Enumerator for the Township of Barton, (where I reside) in the said County at the taking of the last Census. While I also assisted Mr. Gillespie of Hamilton, the then Commissioner in many other respects.

I Have &c.

The Hon^{ble}Chris^t DunkinCom^r of Agriculture,

Ottawa.

John W. Kerr

D. Parker

Sir. 15. August 1870.
I have the honor to state for your information
that the Trustees of

Sir. 15. August 1870.
I have the honor to apply to you with
the sanction of the Council for permission to erect
a fish breeding establishment on the Road al=
lowance situated between the 3rd and 4th con=
ception of Barton, now enclosed in, and freed
within the water works premises of the City of
Hamilton at the Reservoir which is situated at
the south end of the farm of Jacob Hefl Bour=
Kholder Esq below the Mountain in the
township of Barton. -

I have reason to know that I will
get the necessary supply of Water from the
Reservoir for all the required purposes. -

Lewis Springle Esq
Reeve of
Barton.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
&c

Monday, 8 Aug^r 1870.

At St. Catharines, St. Bourge, and Niagara, to look after the Fisheries went out at 12 noon came in at 4th p. m. - Miles 60. By Train. H. & L. 2.00, H. & L. #1, dinner 25, tea 25, bed 25¢.

Tuesday, 9 Aug^r 1870.

At Niagara, 6 mile Creek, - the 15, 16, and 20 mile Creeks, - Jordan Station - went out 5 a.m. came in 9th p. m. Miles 60. - H. & L. #2 - By Train. - Hamilton.

Thursday 11 Aug^r 1870.

At Hamilton - Toronto, and Ottawa, by permission of the Minister, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 12 p. m. on the 11th Railway. H. & L. #1. - R. fare 1.30 to Toronto. - to Ottawa. #4. 7.50. Breakfast 50. dinner 50. bed 25. Cab 50. - Miles about 460.

Friday 12 Aug^r 1870.

At Ottawa, saw the Hon. Minister, Deputy Minister, the Commissioner & Mr. Baugh, went to see Mr. Whitche by request of Mr. Whitche, stopped there for a couple of hours. - got \$100 from the dep^t on acct of quarters ending 30. Sep^r - transacted all my business - I was warmly received. - and well treated.

Sat. 13 Aug^r 1870.

At Ottawa, Prescott, Kingston, Cobourg, and Toronto, went out at 7 a.m. came in Sat 9.30. fare. miles ~~460~~ 460. - By Train. - 7.50. dinner &c same as day

Sunday, 14 Aug^r 1870.

At Toronto Island - all day. -

Monday, 15 Aug^r 1870.

At Toronto and Hamilton, went out at 6 a.m. came in at noon. By Train Miles 46. and back. -

Tuesday 16. Aug^r 1870.
 at B: beach. D^r Fitch, and Dan: Mc^z
 Gyne wanted leave to make spare haul
 for Herby - left for consideration - went
 out at 10. am. came in at 6¹/₂ p. m. - miles
 26. H^r Meggy: - Edward Ken with me,
 came home by Hamilton, -

Wed: 17. Aug^r 1870. -
 getting a copy of Patent of the
 Brant Jarvis. -

Thursday, 18. Aug^r 1870.
 Compared copy with the original, and ob-
 tained a plan of Brant Jarvis - he as to take
 a tracing of same. Gave it to Mr. Bell to
 get it out for me. Was at Mr. Thompson's
 Boat House about my boat. went out at
 10. am. came in at 6. p. m. - miles 10. -

My dear Sir. -

I am in receipt of yours of the 16, instant. - -

I have simply to refer you to Section 13. of the Fisheries Act. - I never gave Mr John Stanlon liberty to fish. It was by your permission he commenced to do so. - Of course the whole thing rests in your own hands. -

However, before you commence and seize his nets, serve him with a written notice from yourself to stop fishing immediately, and keep a copy of the said notice for me. - If after you have served Stanlon with this notice, he does not stop fishing, then seize all his nets, you may find set in any part of your leased fisheries, between the Stumble and the Don. - &c. &c. &c.

I don't care about seeing any man who sets out laws at defiance, fishing in the capacity John Stanlon has been. -

Now there is another thing to allude to, unless David Ward, gives up drinking and drunkenness altogether, you will please tell Billy Ward, I shall not give him a license next year. - And unless seine nets for catching the white fish, shall have meshes of not less than four inches extension measure, I shall give no license at all. -

Please convey this intelligence to Messrs Ward and Durnan. - and be governed by the same law yourself. -

There will be no other seine allowed to catch white fish, but that prescribed by law, see sub sec: 3. of sec: 9. of the Fisheries Act. -

Mr John Ward, if he fishes next year, must also pay. - and for myself, I will stop all complimentary subletting in future. - Experience now shows us that Stanlon has no gratitude to you for the kindness you rendered him

him - and he led to me about his boy fishing last Sunday morning. -

No matter what happens, we should tell the truth. - When you seize the nets take care of them. - Sell the fish, you may find in them, for the benefit of the Fishing department. - And take care and report everything to me without delay, after you take action in the matter. -

Do exactly as I tell you, and keep for me a copy of the notice you send Hamilton. -

Remember me kindly to Mr. Gray.
Yours &c.
John W. Ross

Mr. P. Gray,
The Island,
Toronto.

J. W. Ross
Hamilton, Ont.
19. Aug. 1870.

P.S. - You can of course have a seine with small mesh for pike, suckers and shiners. - But the seine can only be used for such fish. -

John W. Ross
J. W.

My dear Sir. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant. -

Meet me at Clarkson Station on Monday morning next, and I will endeavour to do all you require. -

I will leave Hamilton by the nine o'clock train. -

Y^{rs}

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John W. Kerr

J. W.

19. Augth 1870.

Mr. Joseph Shales,
P. O. Credit.

Monday 22. Augth 1870. -

at P. O. Credit, and Springfield to see Fred^c Shales - gave him orders to remove obstructions in the River Credit placed there by Miss³ Boy, and others, went out at 7^{1/2} a.m., came in at 9. p.m. - Miles 74 - By H. & Buggy. -

Tuesday. 23. Augth 1870.

at P. O. Credit, and across the bay near Mount Pond, went out at 8^{1/2} a.m., came in at 4 p.m. took soundings all across pond and between the points - H. & Buggy and boat Geo. R. Kerr and Fred^c W. Corey were with me. - Miles about 26. -

Sent Notices to Dan Blade of Oakville,
and Thomas Blade of Port Credit. -

Also to Mr. and Peter Bath; and
Messrs. Payne, and Gilbert. - Fishing notices - a
second edition sent out for year 1870. -

My dear Sir,

Before you applied, the Fisheries
at Port Credit, were rented. -

I cannot rent them to you, or any
other person this season. -

Mr James J. Wilcox
Port Credit.

Yrs &c.
John W. Kent

P. O.
24. Aug 1870.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your two letters
asking for a gill net fishing ground. -

I shall be up shortly, you may therefore
begin and prepare your white fish gill net,
which in no case shall be under 5 inches
extension measure, as I intend to give you
a place for to fish in.

Mr Geo. H. Heard,
Port Richmond.

Yrs &c.
John W. Kent

P. O.
Hamilton, Ont.
24. Aug 1870.

There is no doubt upon my mind and it is the general public impression, that Mr Kerr rented the pond to Benj. Jones the fisher, for twenty five dollars with the intention of testing and establishing sole and whole control over right to and over the same. —

I am whether the original grant to Mr Kerr grandfather Capt. Joseph Porant will justify him in doing all this, is for you to determine. — Mr Luggel tells me that all the property that Mr W. J. S. Kerr now owns is only that within the black lead pencil line marks, and a portion of the Beach. —

This report, and the enclosure are respectfully submitted for your perusal and consideration.

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
He. He. He.

Thursday, 1. Sep. 1870.

at Grimsby, and Ontario. Saw P. J. McBurdy he paid me two dollars rent for year 1870.

Alex. Jones paid me six dollars rent for year 1870. went out at 7^{1/2} a.m. came in at 9. p.m. miles about 50. Ry. —

Sir,

I am just in receipt of your letter of this date, what you ask of me is entirely out of my power. — The time has slipped to far by.

Mr Fred. Shaper has rented the ground from Mr Blades to the Stumber, and no other person or persons can fish there but him, at least for this year (1870). I sent a notice last spring to the island, Toronto, apprising the Fishermen that the Credit Fisheries were for renting and altho Mr Dorman, reaped a handsome thing from them the previous fall 1869, for which he was to have paid, but did not do it, but made light of the matter, when he received my notice. —

Mr Shaper has complained of you to me for going on his ground with two boats and nets. You must leave at once and stand the consequence of being fined besides. —

No more fishing is allowed without a license. —

Yrs

John W. Kerr

T. O.

5. Sep. 1870

Mr Wm Ward
Fisherman
Toronto Island
Toronto,

Wednesday, 7th Sep. 1870. —

at Port Credit. settled matter between Mr Ward, and Fred^d Shaper, who to pay 15. and Fred^d 5 for fishing there, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 9. p. m. — mile 63. Ry. Train. —

Sunday, 11. Sep 1870.

at P. Bay to see if any person was out, howling all regular. Fred^d Kerr with me went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p. m. mile 20. Ry. Train.

Wednesday 14. Sep 1870.

at Toronto, served a notice on Joseph Huxson
S. Mill owner, was at Wm. Englewood's House, he was
at Niagara fishing, went out at 4¹/₂ a.m. came in at
5. p.m. miles 72. H. & B. and By train. —

Sunday 18. Sep 1870.

at the Beach, found all regular went out at 10. a.m.
came in at 5. p.m. Miles about 24. H. & buggy. —

Monday. 19. Sep: 1870.

at B. beach, gave Robt. Hall license of lot No: 17.
and 14. — gave Ben: Goulds his license for gill net
fishing — Ben: paid me \$10. on acct. Mr. Shubert
paid me \$4. Heard Thomas Joyce & Sam Joyce, were build-
ing a boat, for seine fishing, and intended to fish at
Toronto, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. —
miles about 30. H. & buggy. —

Monday. 26. Sep: 1870.

at Toronto Island, called to see D. Ward who
was very ill, also was there enquiring about the
fisheries, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 11.
p.m. 46. miles — By train. H. & buggy

Tuesday. 27. Sep: 1870.

at Toronto Island, Whitty, and Lyons Creek, up
to the Ry. saw one of Woods boys out with a
gun evidently looking for a salubon in the
River, complaint was made by John Head
ag^t Allan Scott for fishing on his fishery limits
John Bowhall also complained, in behalf of
themselves and the other lopers, went out 4.
a.m. came in at 3¹/₂ p.m. miles 36. Ry 2¹/₃
and boat. —

Wednesday. 28. Sep: 1870. ^{Id} Bowhall
 at Whitty. up at 3. a.m. called up ^{Id} Bowhall
 and Wulsparky. W^u took me in his boat to Shoal
 Bay, where we were joined by W^u Hilt. Milton
 Gordon, and John Head - piloted by Wulsparky
 went out about 5 or 6 miles joined Allan Scott
 buoy. fished up about 3600 yards of Salmon
 Gr^o gill net - with 19 Salmon Trout therein, took
 the nets and fish into Shoal bay, spread the
 nets on the beach to dry, gave the fish to be
 sold, went out at 2. ~~4~~ a.m. came back to
 Whitty at 6 1/2 p.m. miles about 30. see my
 report in full to the Hon: Peter Mitchell
 with my telegram to Milnest, his reply, his letter
 and his letter to Allan Scott. - -

Thursday. 29. Sep: 1870.

at Whitty, Shoal bay, Frenchman bay, and
 Duffin's creek, got the nets on Wulsparky boat,
 and sailed from Shoal bay up to Frenchman
 bay, had the nets reeled up, then walked
 along the Railway to Duffin's creek, saw W^u
 Hartick Esq. J. P. Guardian, who had been
 attending to his duty - he had warned the mason
 working at the Ry bridge not to allow the
 fresh mortar in the creek, had seized a net
 in the creek, Jim Peak had given him the in-
 formation, Received £ 5 from Hartick fine
 Peak's license money, walked back again
 to D. man's bay, met John Head there who
 took me to the Range, saw Joe Black
 who applied for guardianship to look after
 the Salmon, then to Port Union, went out
 at 7. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles
 about 24. Boat, 14 huggys, all wet, and
 sick in the night. - -

Sir, 1. October 1870.

I have the honor to send you a return of licenses issued by me, and reported to you up to, and ending 30th day of September.

The amount of all is \$525.25. This return was required by Mr. Bausch, for the office. —

The return I have taken from my books in the order that the money was sent from time to time. —

At the end of this quarter I shall send you balance of outstanding license amount for the current year. —

Hon. P. Mitchell.
He. He. He.

I Have &c.
John W. Jones
J. O.

Friday, 30. Sep: 1870.

at Pt. Union, visited St. Lawrence Creek, thence to Toronto, saw John Mollard, about his Trout nets, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Doyle in the fish market, went out at 8. a.m., came home to Hamilton, at 4. p.m., mile 66.
Reg. Train. —

~~Thursday~~ Friday 23. Sep: 1870.

at Thos. Blady Pt. Credit, got off at Chalks siding, walked to Blady, gave him license for \$15, walked to Pt. Credit Station, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. mile 66.

Sir.

1. October 1870.

I have the honor to report that on this day 27th Sep^r complaint was laid before by M^rs John Head, and J^r Bowhall, lessees of the Fishery situated between Whitley Harbour and Freuchuan Bay, in Lake Ontario, in behalf of themselves, and eight other lessees. - That Mr Allan Scott, a fisherman from Colborne, east of Cobourg, had trespassed upon their leased fishery limits described in their licenses without their permission. - By doing every thing contained in the 13. Section of the Fishery Act, viz^t Fishing 12,000 Yards of Salmon 1st gill net thereon, and Catching and Killing about \$60. of Salmon trout, on their said Salmon 1st licensed ground aforesaid. -

Now what makes this matter still more serious, and injurious to the Complainants, and detrimental to this valuable Salmon trout fishery, is;

That the lessees of this fishery, have by mutual consent, and agreement amongst themselves, with my consent and approval, stopped Salmon trout gill net fishing the 1st day of August last, after a successful season, and will not resume fishing again before the 1st day of March next. -

Before commencing action in this case, I demanded to see Mr Allan Scott's license he had none but he produced to me a letter from Mr Sam^l Wilmut, F. O. Newcastle. I telegraphed Mr Wilmut, his reply and letter please find herewith.

I don't care about hair splitting, neither do I wish by any act on my part to come in contact with that of Mr Wilmut. - I however claim for these fishermen of mine, your approbation for the proper spirit displayed by them in protecting and minding a splendid fishery, by an arrangement entered into amongst themselves, in advance of the Fishery Act itself. -

Mr Scott had been fishing there for 3 weeks, before complaint was laid against him, and he had caught about \$60 worth of choice fish. —

This Salmon fishery extends from Frenchman bay to Windsor Harbour (Pt Whitley) 9 miles. — and for its productiveness, I have only to refer you to my letter of the 27th of July last. — — —

Where I took up the net is in front of Shoal point, bay 4 miles west of Whitley Harbour, and the outer buoy was about 5 miles from shore. — The fish caught by Mr Scott, were sold at 6¢ a lb. That is 5¢ for himself, and a ¢ a lb to the pedlar. —

On Wednesday morning last, at 3 o'clock a.m. I took a sail boat (fishing boat) and accompanied with four of the leases of this fishery, went on the lake to the place alluded to, and seized about 2,600 yd of Irish mesh, trout net, with only 19 Salmon trout therein. — The fish were sold for \$4.80. — The nets I placed in the safe keeping of Mr W. Sparks, a fisherman. — It took 3 hours to fish them up. —

Not until after I made my appearance in Whitley and challenged Scott, did he pay for license, and I had possession of the nets before he received it. —

According however to Mr Whitely's letter he did not give this license to fish on a fishery limits previously leased for the year 1870. —

Mr Scott only received the license on the 28th Sep^r at Whitley, after I had the nets in my possession. —

The Revenue derived from this 9 miles (fishery) for the current year, when all is paid up, will be \$85. Mr Whitely knew nothing of this. — Nor yet did he know any thing, I presume of how these fisheries are leased by me. —

This then will I hope leave no doubt upon the mind of Mr Whitely that every protection shall be afforded to the Resident fishermen; as against a foreigner, whose stay at Pt Whitley to fish on the limits of leased ground, preserved, and protected at this season of the year I must strongly protest against. —

I have not yet proceeded beyond the sale of the fish, and the seizure of nets, against Mr. Allan Scott. - I have worked this fishery up well, as the result of this year's catch will show. - - -

Mr. Scott had another string of nets similar to the one I seized, set out east of Whitty Harbour. - This I did not seize because it is neither in my district, nor yet within the fishery limits of any other fisherman that I am aware of. - - -

Mr. Allan Scott, is I believe a very respectable man, he came to Whitty with about 12,000 yards of Salmon Trout gill nets 7" mesh. - The fishermen at Whitty and the Granchman Bay objected to his fishing there, unless he first obtained a license to do so from me, and they gave him my address. - - They also told him they had the place leased. - A Mr. Fairbank advised Scott to apply to Mr. Milne for a license whilst others advised him to apply to me at once, or he might get himself into trouble. -

The nets I now hold in safe keeping subject to your decision. - The lead and cork alone, are worth \$20. The nets if new would be worth \$120. -

When I first took charge of this fishery, there were only 4 persons who fished. Now we have 13 fishing there under lease, and paying \$85 rent, this year. -

I did not wish to impose a fine, nor do anything, that might clash with Mr. Milne's authority in the premises. -

Mr. Allan Scott's license, a boat license empowers him to fish in the limits of his Mr. Milne's district. They! Hailing from Port

"Whitley, and fishing for Salmon Trout, or other fish,
 "with lawful gill net in the deep waters of Lake Ontario
 "outside, and beyond the limits of any inshore
 "fisherys were leased or to be leased in the limits
 "of the aforesaid district". -

This license is dated 28 Sep: last, and
 the consideration is only \$8. - Above the license
 under which I acted, is dated 1st day of March
 1870. - The consideration \$10. It reads thus - "Being
 "from the mouth of Frenchman Bay Harbour, town-
 "ship of Pickering, to Windsor Harbour, township of
 "Whitley, in Lake Ontario, and to extend ^{all} along the
 "beach of the said lake, and outwards ten mile

The expense of the licence ought to however
 to be paid by Scott, if you decide to give him back
 his nets. - Although John Head, and the other fish-
 ermen are opposed to their getting back the nets. -

As the Wilmetts district, as well as mine ex-
 tends from Whitley to Toronto, what an amount
 of dissatisfaction will prevail if he persists in
 issuing such similar licenses to other persons be-
 sides Allan Scott. - Because all Salmon Trout
 gill net fishermen have their fishing limits
 from certain points on the shore, and extend-
 ing outwards in some distance as far as 15
 miles. - - This I have done to keep off foreigners
 and trespassers, such for instance as Boat li-
 censed fishermen, who consider they can go
 and fish where they please. -

There is no inshore fishing, between
 Frenchman Bay, and Whitley Harbour, except a
 little a little herring fishing. - But there is white
 fish gill net fishing in front of Shoal Bay,
 very convenient to where Allan Scotts inside
 buoy floated. -

Thus! you will see it is not an ex-
 travagant distance for the Frenchman Bay, and
 Whitley fishermen. - The take of fish being
 good, the revenue thereof fair. - Besides what
 great protection this agreement amongst the

fishermen has already accomplished, and must eventually lead to, very abundance of fish.

Hon. P. Mitchell.
7. 4. 4.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. O.

copy.

Sam. Wilmut.
Fishing Boats.
Newcastle.

I am going to seize Allan Scott next &c, for fishing on other licensed fishermen's limits, consult me next time before you lead him into difficulties. - Have seen your letter of 14. Sep; see see: 13. Aug =

see.
Snows Hotel
Whitby, 27. Sep: 1870.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

copy.

Mr Allan Scott
Whitby.

Newcastle, -
14. Sep: 1870. -

Sir, Being your home, I did not get your letter earlier. Send me by return of mail \$8, and I will send you boat license immediately, attend to this at once.

Yrs truly
Sam. Wilmut.
J. O.

copy.

Sep: 28. 1870.

By telegram from New Castle

Do. John W. Kerr
J. O., P. O. Whitby

Meet me if possible at Express train this morning, going to Toronto, I must be there this forenoon, have written you at Whitby.
S. Wilmut.

Sir.

1. October 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that the salmon have just commenced to make their appearance at Lyons, Duffin, Skilound Creek, and Rouge River. —

I have just returned from there, after making necessary arrangements by vigilant watches placed by me to look after them. —

I hope this will meet your approval, I shall return there again next week, and endeavor to convict persons who I am told killed salmon in Lyons Creek last fall.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

Sir.

1. October 1870.

I have the honor to receive your letter of 28. Sep on my return here from Whitby on yesterday communicating to me that the Minister had been pleased to increase my salary to the sum of \$200 per annum, from the 1st day of Jul last. —

I thank the Minister most kindly for this mark of his approbation

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

A GREAT HAUL.—On Wednesday last, our indefatigable Fishery Officer, Mr. John W. Kerr, had a great time near Whitby. It appears that he made a haul of nets placed in Shoal Bay, Lake Ontario, in contravention of the Fishery Act. We learn that the nets so seized would extend for a distance of over two miles, and that it took the officer and his assistants over three hours in lifting them. This is a valuable prize, and it is our frequent wonder that people, in open defiance of law, will persist in exposing to capture so much valuable property.

SEIZURE OF FISHING NETS.—Mr. J. W. Kerr, of Hamilton, fishing overseer, was operating in this neighborhood on Wednesday last, and succeeded in fishing up about two miles of salmon trout gill netting, which was illegally set within the fishing limits of the Frenchman's Bay fishermen, which include the best fishing grounds in Ontario. The nets were set without the permission of the lessees or licensees as is to which vide Section 13 of the Fisheries Act. The lessees accompanied Mr. Kerr to accomplish this seizure.

Sir,

3. October 1870.

I have the honor to state for your information, that I have made arrangements to purchase a piece of 30 acres of land, attached to my present holding.

Will you be pleased to send me my salary for the current half year, and give me an advance for incidentals, which will enable me to complete the bargain.

Hon. P. Mitchell,
 & & &

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 J. W.

Tuesday 4. Oct 1870.

at B. beach, gave Capt Campbell, license to catch herrings in Bay of George lot 16, D. O. he paid me \$1, - put out notices setting apart &c Kerr pond &c, and no fishing without license; went out at 8. am, came in at 5. p. m. - miles 26. H & buggy.

Wednesday 5. Oct 1870.

at B. bay, out in my new boat trying her Thompson has made a good job of her, went out at 10. am came in at 4. p. m. miles about 10. H & W. & boat, looking around. -

Sir,

4. October 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith my
 diary, and disbursements &c. for quarter just ended
 30th day of September 1870. —

Vouchers No: 1, George R. Kerr,	5.00
2, Wm. Sparks,	10.00
3, John Stead,	15.00.
4, Pat Gray. —	56.00.
5, Wm. Coit,	2.50.
6, Milton Lyman,	2.50.
7, Wm. Hartick,	15.00.
8, Mathew Thompson,	12.00.
9, James Colley,	5.00.
10, Thomas S. Bell,	5.00
11, Fred ^d M. Leary. —	10.00
12, Fred ^d E. Ritchie, —	2.50
13, Duncan, Stuart & Co.	5.00
14, John W. Kerr,	5.00
15, John W. Kerr,	35.25
16, John W. Kerr,	23.90
17, John W. Kerr.	2.20
Total, \$ 211.85	

Add,

39, days on active duty, as per diary
 herewith, at 2.50 per diem. —

97.50

G^d Total

\$ 309.35

Wm. P. Mitchell.
 & A. F.

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 J. W.

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Sir,

4, October 1840.

With reference to vouchers No. 4 here-
with in favour of Mr P. Gray. For \$56. it occurred
in this way. —

Mr Gray, applied for ^{to lease} a portion of the Island
opposite Toronto independent of his fishery limits in the
year 1866. — which was ~~accorded~~ ^{ceded} to, at the time by
the Fishery Branch of the ^{Dept} Department, and for
which Mr Gray was to pay 20[¢] additional per year.
He paid one year rent in advance, which after-
wards refunded to him in his rent for the Fisheries.
Because the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on re-
presentation to the department, was successful
in ~~having~~ ^{having} all the Island subsequently ceded
to them except the Fishery Reserve. —

Mr Gray however before this took place
with the sanction of the department, so sure was
he of getting the land, he had applied for. He
employed Mr Charles Munroe to sur-
vey, and lay off the land, and make a plan
of the same, which he was to pay for sub-
ject to the final approval of the department.

The plan was submitted by me to you for
that purpose, but in the mean time the City of
Toronto succeeded in frustrating Mr Gray's object,
by getting all the Island except the Reserve
themselves. —

Only recently however on the 5th July last,
Mr Charles Munroe, C. S. Surveyor, sued Mr
Gray and recovered a judgment amounting
in all to \$56. —. It would be a great
hardship that Mr Gray should lose all the
money. Judge Duggan, who tried the
Case said so at the trial. —

I therefore present the voucher in my last quoted
 a/c. Mr Gray being one of our successful fishermen
 on Toronto Island is worthy of your consideration.

When at Ottawa recently this case was talked
 over by Mr Whitche and myself.

I have therefore much satisfaction in re-
 commending the payment of Mr Gray's a/c.

I Have &c

Hon. B. Mitchell

John W. Ware

H. C.

Thursday, 5. Oct 1870.

At Toronto, to see Mr Sam Wilcox, thence to Pt
 Whitley, sent for Allan Scott on my arrival there
 read over to him Mr Whitche's letter, relative to the
 business of nets and fish. - went out at 8. am
 got in at Whitley about 9. p. m. miles 84. - By
 H & buggy. - discussed the case with Mr Wilcox.

Friday, 7. Oct 1870.

at Whitley, the Kingston Road, and down the
 Creek dyke as far as Ry track nearly. Dick
 Snow with me, saw old Mr Storey who
 gave me some important information, back to
 Thomas Taverner. - telegraphed to Mr Whitche
 Ottawa - paid 25¢ - To Wm Hartick, Duffin
 Creek paid 25¢. Had a consultation with
 Mr Hartick about the salmon. - visited the
 saw mill on Lyons Creek and posted a
 notice thereon to keep out the saw dust &c.
 gave Allan Scott 4 received for the fish found
 in his net, which were sold, and directed
 Walsparks to hand him the nets, all of
 which seemed to give satisfaction. -

Gave Hartick notice about licensing
 and saw mill to have served immediately
 went out at 7. am came in at 8. p. m.
 miles 8. H & buggy.

Saturday, 8. Oct 1870.
 At Whitley, Toronto, and Hamilton, left notices at
 Port Union, and Toronto - at Toronto for Timmerman
 saw mill owner, at Timmerman, and at Port
 Union for Moon - regarding license, went out
 at 7. am. came in at 5. p. m. - Mile about 84.
 Ry fare \$2.30. breakfast, 25¢ dinner 50¢

Sunday 9. Oct. 1870;
 at Dundas. Carroll's point, Buckleberry point,
 and Wharves, - joined James Reynolds, throwing
 for pike at and near Dundas in the Canal.
 he had two pike both alive in the boat,
 besides another line in the boat with a spoon
 hook, thereon - took the same into my prop-
 erty - and proceeded on my way home,
 when I was pursued by four men in the
 same boat, who abused, insulted and threat-
 ened, and demanded back the line & fish -
 I demanded their names which they declined
 to give me, went out at 8. am. came in
 at 6. p. m. - Mile about 24, 144 buggy \$2.25
 Geo & Fred. Kerr rowed me, each to 12¢.
 A brother of Reynolds was in the boat. -

Monday 10. Oct 1870. -
 At Winona, and out on the Lake as far
 down in front of Grimsby, went down to
 see Paddy Han, went out at 3. am. came
 in at 2. p. m. Mile about 40. 144 buggy
 and boat, fare for buggy \$2.25, Boat \$1.00
 breakfast for two 50¢ 12¢ also went to
 Hamilton, and reported Sunday fishing to Mr. Cahill

Tuesday 11. Oct 1870.
 At the Bay, hunting names of persons fish-
 ing on Sunday last, in the Canal, near Dundas
 went out at 8. am. came in at 6. 1/2. p. m.,
 144 buggy \$2.25. dinner 50¢

ILLEGAL FISHING.—On Sunday afternoon
 Mr. Kerr, Inspector of Fisheries, seized a
 couple of lines and some pike from parties
 who were trolling for pike near Dundas.
 The parties implicated will be brought be-
 fore Mr. Cahill, Police Magistrate, for the
 offence, and also for assaulting and other-
 wise abusing the Inspector in the discharge
 of his duty.

Sir,

11. Oct: 1870.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, relative to the seizure I made on Mr Allan Scott's nets, and fish caught therein. —

I have the honor to report that I withheld nothing whatever from you connected with the case. All I submitted was strictly correct. —

The best feelings exist between Mr Sam^l Wilnot and myself, whom I look up to, in consequence of the proud position he occupies at Newcastle. — Mr Wilnot and myself have one common object in view to accomplish. —

On receipt of your letter, I proceeded to Toronto, and hunted up Mr Wilnot, whom I found in the Crystal Palace exhibiting his fish. — Our greeting was of the most kindly and friendly nature. —

After discussing Mr Allan Scott's case, and reading over your letter to Mr Wilnot, and myself jointly on the subject, we had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion, that although justified as I was in this seizure, and which you had approved of, still Mr Wilnot and myself jointly agreed that in order to palliate and remove anything that might be construed into severity or injustice we determined to deliver up the nets, and the money received by the sale of the fish to Mr Allan Scott. —

This I done on Friday last, which act of ours jointly, will I hope meet your approval, as it was alike satisfactory to Mr Scott. —

From the beginning of this case, to the conclusion, I looked forward to the result, just as it terminated, satisfactory to all parties interested. —

I did not mean to use any harsh word that might irritate the feelings of my valuable colleagues Mr Wilnot, and Mr Wilnot did not attribute to me anything of the kind. —

Of course it is understood that Mr. Scott is not to repeat the trespass. . . .

I hope our final action will meet your approbation. . . .

Mr. Sam; Whitcomb will write you himself on this subject. —

Hon. P. Mitchell
He. He. He.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
D. O.

Wednesday 12. Oct 1870. —

at Hamilton hunting up the names of persons hunting and fishing in Dundas Marsh, and Canal on Sunday last. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles 12. Horse & buggy. —

Thursday 13. Oct 1870. & 14th —

at the request of J. M. Corey. I proceeded to B. Bay & beach, thence to the North beach where I landed, J. M. Corey & J. Kerr with me we seized three nets, set in the lake opposite the same, took them up, with a quantity of fish in them, went out at 5^{1/2} p.m., did not get home until 12. noon the next day. — see my report Horse & buggy \$1^{1/2} — supper 50¢ groggy 25¢ team \$3. — miles 30. —

Sat: ¹⁵~~14~~ Oct; 1870.

at B. beach, to see J. M. Corey, who complained to me that his house was searched by Constable Bill Terry for the nets, were seized, & that Sam & Jos Joyce and Ben Joyce came there to his house and abused him, went out at 5^{1/2} p.m. came in at 12. p.m. miles 24 Horse & buggy \$2.50 charges. — feed of oats and hay 25¢. —

Sir.

15. Oct 1870.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 12th instant, asking for further information respecting Mr. Al-
 low Scott: "fishing within leased or licensed bounds"-
 Mr. Scott, did fish on leased, and within licensed
 bounds, and was complained of to me, on the 27th
 ultimo, by Messrs. David Bowhall, and John Head
 Squires, for doing so. - They being lessees of the
 fishery, at the time and for the year 1870. -

At the time Mr. Scott, was complained of
 he did not have a license to fish, he had how-
 ever a letter from Mr. Milne to say, that when
 he sent him \$8, he Mr. Milne would send him
 the license. - Mr. Scott, did ^{not} comply with this
 request for 14 days after, nor until I made my
 appearance at Whitley. -

In a conversation with Mr. Saml. Milne,
 at Toronto, on Thursday the 6th instant, he inf^d
 me, that Mr. Scott, had applied to him personally
 for a license to fish in Lake Ontario, at Darlington,
 and had left him (Mr. Milne) to go there. -
 Mr. Milne was not aware that Scott was at
 Whitley until he repeated his application from Whitley,
 when Mr. Milne replied on the 14th, September 1870,
 Copy sent you by me on the 1st instant. -

On the 28th of September, after complaint was
 laid before me by Bowhall and Head (Squires)
 I proceeded on the lake, accompanied by Messrs.
 Head, Sparks, McEort, and Gerson, all licensed
 fishermen, interested, as lessees in the fishing
 ground where Scott's gill net were then set. -
 These fishermen, who accompanied me, pointed
 out the outer buoy of Scott's gill net, situated
 within about 5 miles of the shore. - I then
 demanded of Head, who was present, and
 the boat crew if they considered the place
 where the buoy floated was within their
 fishery license limits, set forth in their license
 for the present year of 1870. - The reply
 was unanimously in the affirmative. -

And that it extended five miles further out into the Lake. - I then gave orders to fish up the net, it being all found within the limits described in Mr John Head's license &c. -

I held a regular Consultation of all the circumstances in the case, with the lawyers herein named at Shoal point, about 4. o'clock. A.M. on the morning of the 28th before taking final action towards the Seizure. - - - So satisfied were the Complainants of Mr Scott, fishing within these ^{licensed} limits, that if I had delayed, in coming down, they were determined to seize the nets themselves, which they as well as I, had a right to do, under 13. Section of the Fishery Act. - - Perhaps I ought to have convicted, and Confiscated as well, see Section 14, but I believe justice has been done, and the termination of the Seizure has been acceptable to all the fishermen concerned. - -

The evening of the 29th ultimo, after I had spoken to Mr Scott, he telegraphed Mr Wilnot for his license, and he sent him the money. - And Mr Wilnot on his way next morning to Toronto, gave Scott, the Boat license. - - -

Mr Wilnot as you are aware wrote and telegraphed me. - Copies of which I sent you, on the 1st instant with my former report. -

On my return in the evening from the Lake, to the Hotel at Whitley, after the Seizure Mr Scott, delivered to me Mr Wilnot's letter. - and he produced to me the boat license he only received that morning. - - -

I read over the Act to Scott, as applied to his Case, he replied, that he acted under ignorance of the law, and would not infringe on any fishermen's ground, and did not think he could do so, under a boat license. - - -

I read over to him Mr John Head's license which covered the limits where I found his net and satisfied him, I think on the subject. -

Mr Scott stated ^{that} on coming to Whitley, and finding no person fishing salmon trout gill nets on the ground, where I found his, he thought it no harm to fish there. --- I explained to him the reason and the ~~ground~~ ^{right} why no salmon trout gill net fishing was being there carried on by the Annual License for 1870. of this Fishery. - Mr Scott under the circumstances of the case, said he had no desire to interfere upon any other man's right, and would not do so any more. - Mr Willmot did not intend by his boat license, ultimately given on the 28, September after he was aware that he Mr Scott, had committed a trespass, to empower him to trespass any more. ---

Mr Willmot, and myself felt under section 15, that we had discretionary power and this was the reason why, we came to the conclusion we did. - There is plenty of room, between Darlington, and Whitley Harbour, where there is at present no other licensed fisherman of Scott's calibre.

I pointed out to Mr Scott, after I concluded to give him up the nets, and the proceeds of the fish, that if he repeated the offense and was again complained of, now that he knew the law of the case; the full penalty would be imposed, nets &c. confiscated, because the fishermen would not allow him to trespass again within their licensed limits so long as their present licenses were in existence of full force and effect. --- For the year 1870.

I hope, I have now made myself fully understood to you by the facts, that Mr Allan Scott, fished within licensed and leased limits, and made himself amenable to the 13. Sec. of the Act. for committing the said offence. - I Have &c.

John H. Kerr
F. O.

Wm. R. Mitchell

Sir,

15, October 1870. —

I have the honor to report for your information, that on last night Mr Daniel McFyvie, who rented from me all the fishing stations, situated in Lake Ontario, in front of the north beach, between the B. Bay Canal and the plain land having set out his herring gill nets in said Lake Ontario, was watching the same with his boat pulled up on the lake shore beach, about the hour of 10 o'clock, p.m., when Mr. J. S. Kerr, came along, with five other men, three of whom were in Kerr's boat in the lake.

Two of the men in the boat were Sam and Thomas Joyce, sons of Benjamin Joyce, of B. beach. —

The two men on the shore, with Kerr, were Constables. — Kerr, was armed with a revolver at the time, he kicked Sam Joyce who was lying at a fire McFyvie and himself, had built on the beach. —

Mr. M. J. S. Kerr, ordered his men to seize and take up 400 yards of a herring gill net, set out in the Lake Onto, that he would stand between them and harm, this the men in the boat carried into effect immediately, while the men on shore with Kerr, made McFyvie a prisoner. Kerr told McFyvie, he could get \$100, rent for the ground, that the Government had no right to that part of the beach Lake Ontario, that it was his property descended to him from his grandfather, and father. —

And Kerr, asked McFyvie for his license and why he did not lease from him, instead of from the Department, through me whom he stigmatised in unmeasured terms and language. — I cannot account for Mr Kerr's conduct except that as McFyvie says, he was drunk at the time.

Would you the place where this fishing is carried on, is in Lake Ontario, not in Kerr's pond, B. Bay. - - -

I hope immediate measures will be taken against Kerr, and at once for disturbing and interfering with the fishing fishery - see Section 13. of the Act.

McGavin obtained a search warrant, to-day to look for the nets valued about \$40, but I have not heard the result. -

I attribute the proceedings of Mr Kerr, who styles himself, the Chief Magistrate of Nelson he being the Reeve, to the manner in which Hugh Cotter, J. Wesley Stopkris Esq^r J. P. - and Judge Alexander Logie, have from time to time acted with this man Ben Joyce & others to suppress and force down the fishing act, as very many of my previous reports will have pointed out to you. - Some strenuous measures are necessary to meet the requirements of such conduct; for it is now evident that Joyce intended to fish under the W. J. S. Kerr's license, and not under a license from you. -

Ben Joyce, and his sons openly say, they will fish, and shoot the first man who takes up their nets again. - and that Mr W. J. S. Kerr, bid them do so, and he will bear them harmless. -

Ben Joyce had a load a load of fish in the market here today. - His sons were observed early this morning overhauling a gill net in Lake Ontario, McGavin found in front of his house. -

Shoot or shoot not, I shall endeavour to do my duty feeling as I do, that my conduct will be borne out by you and the Department. -

I Have &c.

Wm. R. Mitchell

John W. Kerr
N. S.

Sir,

15. October 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday evening last, between the hours of 7. and 8. o'clock, P.M., at B. beach, in Lake Ontario, accompanied by Fred^d M. Corey and one of my sons, in a boat, I seized three strings of herring gill net, set there by Benj. Joyce and his sons. - The place where I found these nets, is situated in Lake Ontario in front of the North beach, between the B. beach, Canal, and the Main land towards W^m Square. - -

This ground, part of it was leased last year to Benj. Joyce, but this year upon putting out tenders, the only person who applied for it, was Mr Dan. McGavin, fisherman, to whom I leased it for \$48, for the year 1870. - - Dan. McGavin, having complained, I had therefore, no alternative, but to seize the nets - "For fishing within his licensed limits - per Section 13. of the Fishery Act." - - And also - "For fishing nets in Lake Ontario, without a license, per order in Council, dated Ottawa, 23. August 1870." -

Upon receiving this recent order in Council, I had it largely circulated in B. beach, and W^m S. Benj. Joyce's reply to these notices was that he would fish in spite of me, and the Fishery Dept. -

and the language he used was blasphemy and obscene. -

And it was only this day for the first time, that Benj. Joyce applied to me for a license, and after I had rented out all the fishing station on B. beach.

And the circumstances which induced him to apply even now is attributed to this seizure, and nothing else. -

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On finding the nets were seized - Joyce went before J. Messey Hopkins Esq. J. P. - and obtained a search warrant to search my house, the nets as Joyce swore being stolen by me. - - - Joyce and two constables came to my house accordingly to search for, and seize the nets. - - I heard they were coming in at my gate, and went out to meet them, where they explained to me, the object of their mission. -

On going out of the house, I ordered the door to be shut, and locked.

On ascertaining the mission on which those people came, I informed them that I seized the nets by the power invested in me under the fishing law, and my appointment. - that I did not steal them, that I had them in my possession, and would not give them up, until the proper time arrived and that the Magistrate Mr Hopkins knew the case better than they did, and as he had no jurisdiction over me except by perjury committed by Joyce swearing I stole the nets, when I seized them only; for the breach of the law willfully committed. - I would lay the conduct of the Magistrate and Secy. Joyce before the Government for the repeated indignities, and insults I have received at their hands. - I am accountable for all my acts under the Fishing Act, to the department, and I do not feel responsible at all to Messrs Hopkins and Joyce. - Secy. Joyce, threatened to shoot any person he found in future taking his nets, he was advised to do so by Mr. J. S. Kerr, who informed him neither I, nor the fishing department had jurisdiction over the waters of Lake Ontario opposite Kerr's north beach property, where I found two of the nets I

Seized, as aforesaid. -- The fish several
 perch and about 200 herring I sold to
 John Davis for the benefit of the depart-
 ment. -- I had the nets in my house at
 the time, but the Constables did not break
 open the door, had they done so, I should
 have resisted them. --

I hope the time has at length arrived
 when J. Wesley Hopkin Esq of P. Conduct
 may be stopped by the Government, he
 has a right to assist me instead of act-
 ing towards me as he does. --

I never have any object in view
 but to do my duty. A report accompany-
 ing this will show, and point out to you
 the Conduct and doings of Mr W. J. Sim-
 mons, which I cannot account for, and
 which must be at once checked by the
 department, and the strong arm of the
 law. --

Now I may mention that this part
 of the north beach, next the main low,
 is an open Common, with a public road
 passing over it; sometimes this road, is at
 one side of the beach, and sometimes at
 another. -- It has been always open to
 the public, open at all times day and
 night. -- For the last 40 years.

Hon. P. Mitchell
 &c. &c. &c.

I Have &c.
 John W. Kent
 D. O.

Sir, 15, Oct. 1870.

I have the honor to apply to you for permission to employ half a dozen of Policemen to establish Mr Dan McFadden in his fishery and protect him there, for a few nights, in case I find it necessary to do so. —

I Have &c,

Hon. P. Mitchell,
J. J. J.

John W. Kerr
J.O.

Sir,

17, Oct. 1870.

I will thank you to furnish me with a copy of the information, sworn before you by Percy Joyce, upon which you issued a Warrant to search my house and J. M. Corry's, for a stolen net, — I send you 25¢ to pay for the said copy. —

Hugh Cotter Esq

Yrs &c
John W. Kerr
J.O.

Pt. Nelson. —

Copy

Pt. Nelson

John W. Kerr Esq

17, October 1870.

J. Ouellet,

Hamilton

Sir,

In answer to yours of this date, wanting a copy of information, sworn before me by Percy Joyce to search your house and J. M. Corry's, for a stolen net, I beg leave to say no such information was laid nor was any such warrant issued by me until this present hour.
H. P. M.

Yrs Respectfully,
H. Cotter

P.S. Enclosed find your 25¢
H.C.

Sir,

18. Oct. 1870.

I have the honor to send you copies of letters that passed between me, and Hugh Cotter Esq^r J. P., at Port Nelson, one of the Magistrates, who issued the search warrant to take from my possession the gill net I seized for a violation of the Fisheries Act, as already reported in my report of the 15th instant. —

On this day three constables again made their appearance at my house, with Ben: Joyce, and his son James with a search warrant to take the net stolen from the property of W. J. Simcoe Kerr, in Lake Ontario, fortune again favoured me, they were observed coming, the doors were shut against them — they tried to obtain admittance failed in the attempt, and then went away.

The Warrant is signed by Hugh Cotter and J. Wesley Stopkin Esq^r J. P. —

I hope the department will take measure to stop those Magistrates from annoying me and my family during my absence in this kind of way, as I don't want to take the law in my own hands, if I would I should stop it very quickly. —

Hon: P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

My dear Sir. —

I have just received your letter, I have not given Sen. Marsh leave to fish at Pt. Union, and I don't mean to, says he's not immediately, telegraph me, and I shall come down and dispose of the case at once. —

Jos. Moon Esq.
Union Hotel
Pt. Union,

Yrs. &c.
John W. Kerr
S. A.
Hamilton Onto
14 Oct 1870.

Monday, 14 Oct 1870.

At Hamilton, to get out summonses, for Ben. Joyce for fishing without a license also issued a warrant for the net of Dan McQuinn stolen by Simon Kerr. Mr. J. Cahill took Dan's information, signed the warrant, and I signed it with him — went out at 8 a.m. came in at 2 p.m. miles 10. H & B gave McQuinn 50.

Tuesday 15 Oct 1870.

At Hamilton, attending Police Court, Ben. Joyce did not attend, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 3 p.m. miles 26. H & B luggage, Geo. Kerr to H & B. Kerr with H & B luggage for papers Bedell with him \$2.00. Bedell 1.25 1.50

Wednesday 16 Oct 1870. — —

At Hamilton, Toronto, and Pt. Union took away all gill nets and seines, and ropes team for taking them to Railway 3. Fare to Toronto 1.30. Carriage only 4c, 2. Boat hire \$1, porterage 25¢, dinner 30¢, tea 25¢, Ry fare to Pt. Union 55¢ went out at 4 a.m. came in at 8½ p.m. miles about 64. Boat hire back to Toronto from the Island 25¢ — team, Boat and Ry. —

Thursday, ²⁰ 19, Oct: 1870.

at P^{ts} Union, Toronto and Home, went out
at 8. am. Came in at 6. p. m. - about 60 miles
By fare, 1.85, had 25¢ breakfast 25¢, dinner 40¢

Sat. 22. Oct 1870.

at Bill Lewis' saltfleet for Copy of Warrant
he was at Hamilton - thence to Dan: McGraw
P. beach, thence home by Hamilton City
went out at 7.12. a. m. Came in at 5. p. m.
Miles 30. H & buggy. 2.12. dinner 50¢.

Sunday, 23. Oct 1870.

at Bill Lewis - got Copy of 2 Warrants
thence to Dan: McGraw. Fred Corey and
Thomas Campbell - took dinner there, on to
Mrs Baldry who told me she saw Joice
not set out in Lake Sunday before I
saw them, Luke Sullivan told me he
saw them also. - Saw Capt: Thompson
and had a chat with him, crossed the
Canal, observed a net reeled up in rear
of Joice's house, ready for setting out, went
out at 8. am. Came in at 6. p. m. -
Miles 40. "H & buggy". fare 2.50, toll
11¢, dinner &c. 75¢.

Tuesday, 25. Oct 1870.

at the P. Court Hamilton, attending before
James Cahill Esq^r J. p. -

J. M. Corey appeared to answer on
Complaint of Sam Jope. - Mr Barr defended
him - went out at 8. am. came in at 8.
p. m. miles 10. - H & B

Sir,

24, Oct. 1870.

With reference to the fishing gill net it legally taken off by Mr W. J. S. Kerr, and Peter Joyce, of Wellington, Square — I was a constable Rose, (servant to Kerr) and Samuel and James Joyce sons of Benj. Joyce — from the licensed fishery in Lake Ontario, situated in front of the north neck of B. beach, between the Main land, and the Canal. —

I have the honor to report that Mr W. J. S. Kerr, has extorted \$5 from Mr Dan. McFurin the licensee of the same for this present year of 1870. for giving him McFurin up his net, in a damaged and partly rotten state. —

If any trespass was committed on the open public beach, by McFurin it was in simply hauling up his boat ~~where~~ on the beach which he has a right to do, tying the line of his net to an old stump, the net itself, being 30 feet out from the water's edge and buried in some wood picked up on the Lake shore which McFurin buried in a fire, while engaged mending the net forcibly and feloniously stolen by the parties whom Kerr is directing them to do so, said he would bear them harmless. — The Joyces are Mr. J. S. Kerr's pliant tools.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
P. S.Hon. P. Mitchell
Q. Q. Q.

The fishing scrape in which the Joice family were implicated and which case was brought before the Police Court on Wednesday last, and adjourned until Saturday was dismissed by the Police Magistrate, Mr. Kerr not appearing to prosecute. Mr. Gibson appeared for the defendants.

MISTAKEN.—The Spectator is slightly mistaken in regard to the Joice fishing case, which came up on Saturday. Mr. Kerr, the Fishery Inspector, did not refuse to prosecute, but was present until a few minutes before the case came on. It was dismissed owing to the evidence being considered insufficient, but Mr. Kerr succeeded in confiscating the nets seized by him.

24, Oct 1870.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for your information, that on Wednesday morning last, I took all the nets, I seized, and had seized them in my possession, the property of the Crown, but found owned by Ben: Joyce of B. beach, to the Railway Station, and conveyed them away to a place of safe keeping, and beyond the reach of two Magistrates, who do not yet know the difference between a seizure of nets legally made by me, and the nets, the same nets seem to be feloniously stolen by Ben: Joyce. - It always seems to be correct, that Messrs Cotter and Hopkins encourage the crime of poising in these fish cases. -

Yours faithfully,
 Wm. P. Mitchell,

I Have &c.
 John W. Lewis
 F.O.

Sir,

24 Oct. 1870.

I have the honor to send you copies of two search Warrants issued by Hugh Cottle, and J. W. Stapkins Esq. J. P. to search my house for ^{stolen nets} ~~nets~~ seized for Contamination of the Fishery Act, as I have already reported to you. —

By these documents you will observe that Ben. Joyce has sworn the nets were feloniously stolen ~~he~~, off his fishing ground in Lake Ontario. Mr Joyce has no fishing ground this year. — He made up his mind to fish in defiance of me and the department, and only applied for a license for the first time on the 18th instant, after I had seized and confiscated 800 yds of Herbie gill net, vide Section 13, and sub Section 4 of Section 16. —

I applied to the Magistrate for the information sworn before them by Ben. Joyce, but I could not get them. —

You will please find on examining the Warrants, that the proceedings are all illegal as against me &c, supported only by the wilful perjury of Ben. Joyce. — I never steal any man's nets. — I seize nets, and know how to protect and keep them until disposed of, subject only to your order. Vide sub sec; 6. Section 16.

I Have &c
John W. Tarr
J. O.

Wm. P. Mitchell
W. V.

at,

24. Oct. 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday last Mr. W. J. Suisse Kerr, hailed me on Cairns Street, and wished me to come down to Ottawa this week, with him to have a final settlement made about his fishing property on B. beach. - I replied I had no business to Ottawa, and was not aware that he had a fishing in the public waters there. - He also told me Ben: Egors who bought part of the Porant farm recently sold complained of Mr. Dan: McFurin, while fishing, trespassing upon his property. - How as I understood it Dan: McFurin, Suisse Kerr, took his net away has driven a stake in the water to which he ties the string securing his net. -

With regard to Ben: Egors complaining it is simply absurd, a side road runs from the main land by Luke Sullivan's house to the water edge, and here it is Dan: McFurin has hauled up his boat as Kerr told him to fish no more in front of his beach, until he told him to do so. -

Now from Luke Sullivan's house to the Church at Wnd Square, Ben: Egors land is fenced in on the east. - Then comes a road, and beyond the road is a small strip of Common or high bank, at least 40 feet above Lake Ontario beneath.

Then you will please observe there can be no trespass committed here. -

Last summer Mr. W. J. S. Kerr, asked me, if I thought you would allow him to rent the waters in front of his beach in Lake Ontario, that he could make a handsome income from it. - And in my report to you of the 15th instant, he upbraided

McGinn for not renting ^{this place} from him. Mr Kerr will
endeavour to get you to acknowledge his having
some title to the premises, where he has none
whatsoever. —

Another thing he referred to, was the result
of cases brought by me ^{at} Benj^m Joyce see
my letters of 5. May, 9 May, 10. and 11. May, 14. May
(~~15~~) 19. May, (3.) and 20 June 2, Mr Kerr told me
he would go to Judge Alex Logie, and get from
him a copy of his ruling in Court of 9th Sep^r 3rd
respecting the quashing of the conviction against
Ben: Joyce and his son Richard. — During that
argument before Judge Logie, not a single
allusion was made to James Kerr's property.

The plan of Kerr's property, and a copy
of the original patent will show you that
he has no claim whatever to the waters of Lake
Ontario, from which he recently by Joyce took
away a gill net, thereby disturbing and in-
juring a fishery wide see: 13, besides damaging
the property, and extorting money from a
proposed licensed fisherman Mr Dan: McGinn.

I hope you will be pleased to show
Mr W. J. S. Kerr, that he is altogether wrong
in the course he has pursued, and at the
same time order Ben: Joyce, a man who,
with four grown boys have been guilty
of more than dozen cases of Contraven-
tion of the Fisheries Act. — While at the
same time I may candidly assure you
that no fisherman has been so well treat-
ed on B. beach by me, as he has until
advised as he states he was by Mr W. J. S.
Kerr to resist the fishing law. and he would
carry him safely through. —

I Have &c
John W Kerr
21.2

P. S. - You cancelled Ben. Jones license of 1869. - upon my report for catching small white fish with a Herbie line. - On that occasion I seized and confiscated the line having caught him in the act myself. -

John W. Kern
F. O.

Wednesday 26 Oct 1870.
at Caladenia, and P⁵ Doree - to look after the Fisheries there, - Mail stage Conveyance, went out at 8. am - 149 buggy # 1. - Stage # 3. dinner 50¢, tea 25¢ & bed 25¢ paid J. W. Hopkins J. P. for Copy of Warrant 25¢ -
Miles about 42. - Road in a dreadful state. - John Lane paid # 5. for 1869. -

Thursday 27. Oct 1870.
at Doree, and Tunking point inspecting licenses Geo. H. Helmer paid # 6. Seash # 10. Charles Scherrie & Sam Barnister # 6. for 1870. -
149 buggy # 4. 1.50, breakfast dinner and tea and bed 1.20 Telegram 25¢, went out at 8. am, came in at 4. p. m. - Miles about 36. -

Friday 28. October 1870.
at Doree, Nanticoke and along the Lake shore to Dunville - Ben. Stone & Thomas English paid # 4, Wm. Edsall # 5, Geo. Howson # 4, Gideon & Daniels Swart # 5, Ad. Howe and George Holt # 2, Absalam Stickler # 1. Solomon Waddell 50¢, Isaac Smith 50¢, Philip Silyenpiper # 3.00, James Cantwell # 10. - and Geo. Waddell # 5. x
149 buggy & driver 2 days # 8. - tolls and feed included. - - - dinner 50. breakfast 25¢ & bed and tea 50¢, Miles about 46.

Sat: 29. Oct 1870.
 at Dunnville and Erie Railway fare 1.15.
 breakfast 25, Erie to Niagara 1.55, back
 to Suspension Bridge Hamilton \$2.00, dinner 50¢
 Misc about 134. --

Sat: 31. Oct: 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith
 a bank draft for the sum of \$60. The amount
 you will be pleased to apply, "as licenses is-
 sued by me, as per the annexed return for the
 years 1869, and 1870: --

I travelled the Lake Erie shore from
 Turkey Point to the mouth of the Grand
 River on Thursday and Friday last, say
 perhaps a distance of about 75 miles. -- I
 have issued twenty licenses for white fish
 gill net fishing, have collected the sum
 \$60, I remit you. -- About the 20th November
 next, I shall send you the balance and
 a return of the licenses of this section of my
 division. -- It will amount by that time
 to about \$60. more. --

By the admirable rules and regulations
 adopted from time to time by you and which
 I promulgated to the remotest parts of my
 district, I am now able to report to you
 in this instance so satisfactorily. --

I send for your approval a copy of
 a printed notice taken from the printed
 notice of the 24th August 1870, which I have
 had distributed all over my district. --

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 S. O.

Hon: P. Mitchell
 &c.

Sir.

31. October 1870.

I have the honor to send you a copy of the information, sworn before J. W. Hopkins Esq. J. P. at Sattfleat, in the County of West-
worth, by Benjamin Joyce of Burlington Beach,
an unlicensed fisherman. . . . It was upon this
information Mr Hopkins issued the warrant to
search my house &c, for the gill nets I seized
for a Contravention of the Fisheries Act. . . . and
this is the second time he issued a like warrant
against me. - Mr Hopkins knows very well
that when I seize nets &c, for Contravention
of the Fisheries Act, I don't steal them, I
act openly. . . .

The course Mr Hopkins pursues
towards me is vexatious, obstructive, and
malicious. - Is done to perplex, annoy, and
retard a final and fixed establishment
of our Fisheries Act, as they ought to be
and are long since established in my
division except at B. Beach. . . . But for Mr
Hopkins' uncalled for interference, in behalf of
a few lawless fishermen, urged on and
countenanced by him to break the laws; and
to act in the manner he has against me,
these illegal acts would have terminated
long ago. . . .

Mr Sam: B. Freeman J. P. C, to
whom you refer in your letter to me of
the 22nd instant, has been away at Wood-
stock Alפים, during the past week. - I
shall endeavour to see him to-day.

I shall endeavour if possible to
clean out more of Benj. Joyce's nets
this week. he still fishes, I hear under
the presumed permission, and right of

of Simcoe River, and Seneca River, over Lake Ontario, in front of their ^{land} property, situated in the township of Nelson, in the County of Halton. -

I hope to be equal for every emergency, which may turn up. - Threats to shoot, and drown &c, are publicly talked of by Seneca Joyce, and three say, if I attempt to seize any more nets belonging to him or them. - - - We shall see!!! -

I hope the proceedings of Mr Freeman will be such as to deter Mr Hopkins and Mr Cotter; from issuing warrants against me, and the persons I employ to aid me, to take nets, I had legally seized under the false pretence that we had stolen them.

Hon: P. Mitchell, I have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Immediate, 1. December 1870.
Dr Sir, The Long Point Company, to whom I have recommended you, require your immediate presence at Head quarters there to preserve the gentlemen at present sent shooting over their property, some fish for ^{their} immediate use.
I hope you have rigged up a net (seine) for the purpose. Mr J. W. Kerr and Mr John Brown, the principle owners of Long Point, are there at present so lose no time after you receive this letter in presenting yourself. -

By a letter addressed to Mr Wm Leary, by the Secretary of Long Point Company, you are to fish under the direction, that he or the Directors may decide on. - Go at once, be prudent, and obedient, and I am sure everything will turn out to your personal advantage, I present the enclosed letter to Mr Leary with my kind respects. -

Wm Snook
Fisherman,
Long Point

Yrs &c
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Sir,

1. Nov: 1870.

I have the honor to apply to you, for
twelve copies of the Fisheries Act. -
and twelve Blank licenses. -

Hon: P. Mitchell
N. F. F.

I Have &c.
John H. Kent
S. S.

Tuesday, 1. Nov 1870.

at B. Heights and Railway depot went
out at 8. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. - miles
14. Walking. -

Thursday 3rd, Nov: 1870.

at Wellington Square, Port Nelson, and B. Beach
to get copies of information sworn before Hugh Cotter J.P.
by Ben: Joyce, went out at 11. a.m. remained on the
beach at Goreys all night, 8. p.m. - Miles 20,
Ry. and stage & Boat. Sam: Joyce paid me \$5 for
license Duncan McGillivray \$1 for do.

Friday, 4. Nov 1870.

at B. beach, saw Dan McGavin, on his return
from the Basin of Islands. he had a good take
at least 1000 herrings - saw Ben: Gaults Mr
McGavin. Dick Laake, went out at 6. a.m.
came in at 11. a.m. Horse & Wagon -
Miles 10. - all regular. -

Gave J. H. Corey, license for Sam
and Thomas Joyce, went out to fish Herring
gill nets, between Luke Sullivan and the
Harbour at Port Nelson. Corey to deliver the
said license. - -

road to the lake, near her farm, by building a shanty, thereby preventing free access to the water. Mrs. Scott's evidence supported the above. Mr. J. W. Wilson deposed that the shanty was on the road, and within 140 feet of his warehouse, and 200 feet from the water; that it stood between lots 4 and 5 of the broken front, and damaged Mrs. Scott's property to the value of one thousand dollars. For the defence Mr. J. W. Kerr, license issuer, deposed that Hand's house was built upon the open beach, in no one's way, and at the end of the road; that he, Kerr, had seen several of the township councillors, and they had assured him that if Hand presented a petition to them they would grant his wish to build there. At the request of Mr. Barr, the case was adjourned until the 8th, to allow consultation with the Council and Government.

See the

next page — all

2. Nov 1870.
Sir, I have the honor to report for your information, that a number of retired Merchants from the City of Detroit, are in the habit of going down the Detroit River, to the mouth of the Canada River, which empties itself into the Detroit. — The Canada is situated 5 miles across to Windsor, thence it is to Amherstburg.

The merchants come there in their private sail boats, and clear out all the fish from this stream with nets and illegal means. —

They ascend the stream from the mouth in-land for that special purpose. —

Mr Rogers - Customs House officer at the Suspⁿ Br: is my authority. — His brother lives in the locality, and feels very much annoyed about it. —

Further of these gentlemen however desire to have their names mentioned in connection with the action you may take to stop and punish the Contravention of the Act committed there. —

I Have &c.
John D. Kerr
P.O.

Hon. R. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

November 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Monday last Mr Patrick Hand our fisherman at Winona Lake Ontario, in the Township of Saltfleet, was summoned by Mrs Scott, a resident of lot No: 5, B. F. Con: of Saltfleet. - For building a house on the Road allowance situated on the beach or Lake shore, between lot No: 5, and 6, B. F. Con: of Saltfleet. - The case was adjourned until Tuesday next. -

Mr Hand has been a fishing-man in this place for the past two years. - He has had his reel erected on the beach during all this time without any objection being raised until now. -

From the front fence of Mrs Scott to the water edge is about 100 yards, and the half of this space is a sandy beach. - North of this beach is Lake Ontario. - The side road terminates on this beach, but no vehicle of any kind can go from the side road on the main land on to the beach in a direct way, because the connection has been cut away by water. -

It is however on the sandy beach, a continuation of this road, between high and low water mark, that the house complained of, is being built, and this part of the road and beach is not at present in use for anything except fishing. -

Mrs Scott claims under the original patent from the Crown, to the water edge, she does not of course claim the road allowance, but she can bring the present suit against Hand, and endeavour to drive him away.

You are already aware that wherever a pier is constructed on the south side of Lake Ontario, the beach always forms to the east side of the pier in Lake Ontario, as in this case, while no beach formation of any kind takes place on the west side. —

It is on the beach formation, or on the road allowance if prolonged from the main land over this sandy beach to the water edge that Paddy Hand, has built his house, and thereby committed the trifling offence, if any offence, Mr Scott has complained of. —

When Mr Hand spoke to me some time ago of his intention to build there, and of Mr Scott's objection to his doing so, not considering that I had sole control over the beach, I advised him to apply to the Township Council of Lakeshore, for permission to build there, and I saw Mr A. G. Jones, the Reeve, myself on the subject. — Mr Jones directed Hand to petition the Council and they would grant the permission. —

The Council will sit on Saturday next, and it is to counteract the proceedings of the Council, the present proceedings have been instituted. — — —

I believe whenever the Municipality declines using the public road, as in this instance, the Crown can resume them again for other purposes. — — —

The case is submitted for your opinion and adjudication. — — — Of course you will please bear in mind that in conformity with your orders in this case, I have only licensed the water in front of this sandy beach Lake Ontario. I have &c.

Hon. P. Mitchell

John W. Kerr J. O.

&c &c. &c.
P. S. Please find the Hamilton Spectator re-
ferring to the case.

John W. Kerr J. O.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your application of the 3rd instant, desiring to lease the waters of Lake Erie, in part of lot 21 township of Woodhouse. —

It is out of my power to grant you such a privilege this season because I have already leased the same to Messrs Charles, Levee and Son —

I shall lease you in mind next season. I put out my notices all over your neighbourhood early in the past summer calling upon persons desirous of renting the fisheries to apply to me. —

Had you then applied, I could have granted it to you. — The license I have already issued will not allow me to deviate therefrom one iota. — You will at once learn how hopeless your application is coming to me at this late time of the season. —

I shall not forget you next season. —

The present licensees are not allowed to sublet nor permit persons to go on their fisheries. —

They are bound by their license to this effect. —

I don't intend to issue any more licenses for your neighbourhood this season for the simple fact that I have already disposed of all the fisheries, situated between Hutson point at Nanticoke, and the Harbour at Port Dover. —

My desire is to accommodate every one, and particularly an old friend, but a regulation once established I cannot break. — Believe me,

Yours faithfully,
Mr James Farquhar,
Lot No: 21,
Woodhouse,
Port Dover.

Yrs sincerely,
John W. Kent
J. Ouseley.

Sir, 12. Nov: 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday night the 5th inst. in Lyons Creek, township of Whitley, I found Thomas and John Cameron of the township of Whitley out spearing.

They had four pike (speared) in their possession. — I fined them each \$30, and \$1, costs ^{each} or 30 days each in Whitley Jail. —

This is one of the Creeks you recently set apart for the propagation of Salmon and while I imposed these fines, I have respectfully to recommend that they may be allowed to remain over the offenders, as a warning to themselves and others. —

I confiscated the spear, light jack, fish and boat.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

Sir, 12. Nov: 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith a Bank draft for the sum of \$30. — This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows:

1. Mr Henry Rob, Grand River fishing,	
from the Wharf at Durville to the mouth	
of the same, where it waters enter into	
Lake Erie, for the year 1869. —	\$15.00
do. do. 1870.	15.00
	<u>Total, \$30.00</u>

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

Saturday, 5 Nov 1870.

at Toronto and Whitby. joined Thomas and John Cameron out spearing in Lyons Creek at 10.30. p.m. they had a boat a light jack, a spear and four fish. they were near the base line when I first observed them. Dick Snow was with me, and on first observing the light he called up Mr James Stoy who at once identified them by name for me. — I took all the apparatus into my traps. went out at 2. p.m. came in at 1. a.m. miles about 90. H & B. and Ref. — See my report on previous page — Ref fare 1.30. Toronto, Whitby 1. — dinner 40, tea 25¢, Buggy \$1. —

Sunday, 6, Nov. 1870.

at Whitby and Shoal point, went out at 1. p.m. came in at 5. p.m. — miles 10. H & buggy. 1.50. bed 25. Breakfast, dinner and tea 90¢. —

Monday 7. Nov 1870.

at Mill above the Kingston Road. saw Mr Bailey the proprietor, who does his best to keep out the saw dust and Mill rubbish. —

thence to Shoal point and Duffies Cr. went out with Mr Hatterick Sept 5 p.m. the guardain to see the salmon by moonlight, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles 30. H & Wagon. — 2.00. bed 25¢ dinner 50¢ breakfast 25¢. tea 25¢

Tuesday 8. Nov 1870.

at Duffies Creek, examined the River there are 17. beds therein — Thursday the 27th of Oct. the salmon first made their appearance in Duffies Creek, went out 7. a.m. came in at 8. p.m. miles about 36. H & Buggy 2¹/₂ and 2¹/₂. bed 25¢ breakfast 25¢ dinner 50¢ & tea 25¢ getting up my return, Francis Portwine paid me his rent for year 1870. — I soon left me in Toronto. —

Wednesday, 9. Nov: 1870.

at Toronto, and Toronto Island. - went out at 8 a.m. came in at 10 p.m. Miles 8. - Boat bed. 25 breakfast dinner and tea 9¢. Boat to the Island 1¢. -

Thursday. - 10. Nov 1870.

at Toronto Island, Toronto, P⁺, credit and Hamilton - Boat 5¢ bed, breakfast and dinner 7⁺¢. Buggy fare P⁺ credit to Thos. Blakey \$1.00 Ry. fare \$1.30¢ getting up my return. -
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Friday, 11. Nov: 1870. -

at B. beach. Saw W⁺ Joyce, got return from W⁺ Baldy and Bob Hall, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 7 p.m. 44 Buggy, dinner 5¢. 44 buggy 2.50 July 26.

Saturday 14. Nov: 1870.

at Jordan, St⁺ Catherine's, S. Bridge and J⁺ L⁺ taking down return of fish caught during the current year, also fishing gear &c. &c. &c. went out at 8 a.m. came in at 8 p.m. miles 62. fare to Br: 1.30, thence to J⁺ L⁺ 1.15¢, dinner 25¢, tea 25¢, Bed 25¢.

Sunday 15. Nov 1870.

at J⁺ L⁺, S. Br: Greenston, and Niagara, getting up fish returns. Joseph Gabriel paid me 6 on station and 3 on apt of these other stations for next year. - Henry Sheppard paid me \$10. on apt of his fishery station, and John Madenworth paid me \$16. on apt of his station, went out at 8.30 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. - miles 31. - Ry fare 1.40. St. 9 buggy 1.50, breakfast 25¢, dinner 25¢, tea 25¢, Bed 25¢.

Wednesday, 16. Nov 1870.
 At Niagara, getting fish returns, then home,
 went out at 7. A.M. came in at 6,
 p.m. - Miles 62, Ry - 2.05, breakfast 2⁵/₁₀
 dinner 25, Telegram 50¢

Thursday 17. Nov: 1870.
 at Monte, getting up fish returns. Heard
 of Salmon Peds being in the creek near
 Railway Prr. went out at 8. A.M. came
 in at 6. p.m. - Miles 38, H & B #1. Ry fare 50,
 dinner 30. - back 50¢

Friday 18, Nov: 1870.
 At St. Catharines, P. Dalhousie. for =
 dau. and home, getting up returns. went
 out at 8. A.M. came in at 8. p.m. -
 Miles about 80. Ry fare 1. P. to Ry 20¢
 P. fare to 6 m. Creek #1. to Jordan 1.50. Ry
 fare to Hamilton 80. H & B #1. -
 dinner 30. tea 25 - taking down returns of
 fish caught 4c. 4c. -

Sir,

21. Nov: 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 701, for the sum of sixty four dollars. - This amount you will be pleased to apply as set forth in the annexed return herewith.

I Have &c

Hon: P. Mitchell

John W. Kerr

H. H. H.

P. O.

Name		#	+
Wm. McLeart,	2.50.	John Head	5.00.
Milton Gernon,	2.50.	James Peak	5.00.
Francis Portwine,	5.00.	Thomas Blade	5.00.
Mrs Joan Baldry,	2.00.	Robt. Hall	4.00.
Thos. Campbell,	1.00	Mrs Sam & Thos Joice	5.00
Duncan McMillan,	1.00	Henry Sheppard	10.00 on a/c
		Geo. Madenorth	10.00 on a/c
		Geo. Gabriel	6.00 on a/c
		Total	\$64

Monday 21. Nov: 1870.

Attended a meeting at the J. Morrison Hotel, Burlington Heights - to give out spearing licenses - Melfs, John Samuels, Wm Raspberry, Hugh Morrison, Lewis Mills, Sam Hopkins, Joseph, and Wm Hopkins paid \$1 each, for the privilege, went out at 6. p.m. came in at 11. p.m. - miles 12. 144 buggies. \$2.50

Thursday 24. Nov: 1870.

at the Bay nearly all day. Mailed letter to Wm Hartwick. J. G. Duffin Creek. - and another to John Head, Duffin Creek - see my letter. paid Mat Thompson \$8. for repairing my boat. gave George R. Kerr \$10. to pay Carscallan and Andy for stump pulling machine &c. gave Mr Kerr \$10. this being \$42 altogether handed her during the week. went out at 8. am came in at 5 p.m. - miles 12. got 3 paddles from Tom Knott. gave them to Mat Thompson for me. - - -

Immediate,

My dear Sir, Will you be pleased to send me an accurate return of all the fish caught by you, during this current year of 1870, up to the present time. - -

please distinguish each kind of fish separately. -

I heard that John House, who recently got married in Clinton, has been fishing gill nets for white fish. -

Please say to him, that he will have to pay \$5. for the privilege.

Yrs Truly,
John W. Kerr
D. O.

22. Nov 1870.

Wm. Noble Esq.
Fisherman
Beamsville.

My dear Sir.

You will please find herewith five dollars. - I have paid your rent for you this year. - - Saly Wright should pay over to you his proportion of it. - I have also paid Will McLeat and Milton Gernon rent also. -

Write on receipt of this letter, and let me know what the appearance of Salmon have been since I was there last. -

Give me all particulars, and a long letter.

Yrs Truly,
John W. Kerr
D. O. Oberfer
22. Nov 1870.

Wm. Noble Esq.
Fisherman
Duffins Creek
Will be five dollars

02833 on right & left

J. D. Harrington
D. R. General

My dear Sir, You will please find enclosed herewith \$15.- This amount you will pay me up to the end of October last, for any services you may have rendered to the Indians, as provided at Duffin Creek. —

Will you be pleased to let me know how the Salmon have prospered in numbers and beds since I was at the creek,

Wm. Hestrick Esq
D. President

Duffin Creek. —

Yours truly
John W. Kerr

22. Nov 1870.

Bill 10 dollars 0.26825

J. D. Harrington.

Bill \$5. 005862

J. D. Harrington. —

Friday, 25. Nov. 1870.

At B. Bay, Railway depot, thence by boat to Ry. Bay, discharging Canal. remained there for a considerable time. — Fred. Morrison, Chris. Case, Wm. Rasker, Robert Rasker, Wm. Stophius, John Lyon, James Cummings, Sam. Anderson, Jack Ouel and a sixth boat with

were all out spearing herring. —

John Lyon, Robert Rasker, Charles Britton and James Cummings paid me each \$1. for the spearing license. — Saw three lights out at and near the Ry. depot. —

went out at 9. a. m. came in at 11. p. m. miles 20. Boat & Buggy. Fred. Kerr with me, gave Young Lee 25¢ for delivering a message for me. —

My dear Sir,

It has been represented to me that you did spear fish in B. bay, between Yakey, Valley, Inn, and the point near brook's house, without a license, on Friday night the 25th of November instant. —

Please send me one dollar, or give to Fred^d Morrison at B. Sights for me, when I shall send you the license. —

Yrs^{ly} respectfully,

John W. Kent
Fishing Ranger,
Hamilton.

26. Nov. 1870. —

Sam^l Anderson Esq^r
Waterdown.

Monday. 28. Nov. 1870. —

At Hamilton, to meet Mr. Whitches by morning train, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 1. p. m. — Miles 8. 1/4 buggy \$4.50. Tolls 5¢. —

Out on the bay at night, Ch^l lease and Fred^d Kent with me. — Heard that Peter and Chris. Case, Miriam and Dan. Yakey, were out spearing on Sunday night at 10. o'clock p. m. —

Shipman Cummings, Lewis Dennis, David Longes and Charles Milne paid me \$1. each. — grappled for nets, found none. — went out at 4. p. m. came in at 1.30. a. m. — 1/4 buggy and boat. — 1/4 buggy \$2. 25. — Miles 12,

Tuesday. 29. Nov. 1870.

At Hamilton Ry. depot, and around town all day, with Mr. Whitches, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 7. p. m. — miles 14. 1/4 buggy \$2.50. —

Wednesday, 30. Dec: 1870.

at Hamilton, Ry Station to see Mr Whitcher off,
out on the bay at night - Sam: Anderson and John
Baker paid me through Robert Raspberry. -

Dr: Malone, Ramsey Rule, Henry Mullin, Charles Dutton,
Watson Chisholm, Charles Lavelle paid me through
Frank Morrison, issued licenses to all. -

Jos: R. Kerr was rowing me round, the
boat leaky badly. - went out at 5. p. m. came
in at 12. - Miles 14 - H&H buggy & boat 2.50. -

Wrote Peter Price, Guardian at St. Wil-
liams. - 2nd Dec: 1870.

My dear Sir. - Will you be pleased to send
me your rent of (£ 5.) your fishing station, for this
current year of 1870. - And obliged

Peter Nath Esq^r
H. Constable,
St. Dalhousie.

Yrs Truly,
John Kerr
J. Kerr.
2. Dec: 1870.

Sat: 3. Dec: 1870. & 4, Sunday 1870. -

- + On B. bay. from Fags Inlet, to the Heights, thence
to the depot, thence to B. beach. went out at 4. p. m.
came in at 8. a.m. on Sunday morning. - H&H buggy
- + J: Kerr and Chris Case with me in a boat all
around the bay. - H&H buggy \$1.50, Case \$1. Kerr \$1
supper \$1.50, - Self 2 - Charles Deane & Co were preparing
to make a haul, at Fags inlet, - Miles about 40,

Wed: 7. Dec: 1870.

- at Wynona to see Paddy Hand, and inspect
+ and make note of the Road on the beach where he
built his house, and has had his Reels for years
went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5. p. m. -
Miles about 36. H&H buggy & Railway, 2.50

Thursday, 8. Dec: 1870. —

at B. Heights, the depot and down of private
P. H. Bates in B. bay, grappled for nets, but
found none. — found Joe Gate and Peter Chief here
in a boat at the Ly. W. Ry. wharf — they crossed
over kindly to Thompson wharf — young ones
got out, and Joe kept up a rowing around
for upwards of an hour — first on side, and
then another giving signals — Evidently he
has a net or nets set out. — Chris &
Case, and I went with me, went out
at 3. p. m. came in at 1. a. m. while
16. At buggy, and boat

Friday, 9. Dec: 1870. —

at B. Heights, Valley View, the Supreme and
B. beach. — Mr. Loria told me all about
the boat, as per my report. — also about
James and Sam being at the Heights. — went
out at 8. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. while 26.
At buggy. Fred & Ken with me. —

Sat: 10. Dec: 1870.

at Railway depot, and the Heights met
Joe Gate, coming up from his morning purpose.
He was insulting and provoked me. I struck
him over the head with my stick and
broke it in two, he pounded me on the
head, and took away part of the broken
stick. Luke Thompson was with me at
the time but not interfere some other
person was with Joe Gate. —

Like the previous day left me up
at the Heights in a boat, I offered him
25¢ he would not take it. —

Pro. B. H. R. and Chris; Case were on
boat after the row with Joe —
did not leave it necessary to go
out again, went out at 9. a. m.
came in at 11. p. m. while 12.

St. Lawrence and back. —

Sir,

10. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Sunday night the 27th day of November last, Messrs Peter Case, Lewis Case, Miriam Gabe, and Dan: Gabe, of St. Heights, went out on St. Mary, to spear about 10 o'clock p.m., and caught several hundred of herring. —

They have admitted the offence, and I have fined them each ten dollars without costs or their days in Hamilton Jail. —

As those men have displayed negligence in looking after those worthless characters and violators of the law, and were instrumental in capturing gill nets illegally in use, I recommend the case to your consideration, and sincerely hope that you will be pleased to allow the fine to remain as a guarantee for future good behavior. —

This kind of decision has a salutary effect with people of the present delinquent class in life. — I believe the offence was committed unintentional. —

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

John H. Kerr
J. H.

Sir,

10. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to apply to you for the blank printed forms in order that I may be able to furnish the department at an early day with my annual returns of fish taken, nets, boat, and men employed during the current year, in fishing &c. all with my distinct.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

I Have &c.,
John H. Kerr
J. H.

Sir,

10. Decr. 1870.

I have the honor to report ~~that~~ your information, "as you are already aware" that I seized Ben: Joice's boat for a contravention of the Fisheries Act, committed on the 29th day of April last, when I confiscated the same. —

I had it placed in the boat house of Henry L. Bosteen, boat builder, situated in B. bay, near the Depot here.

On Thursday last, Simon Blime, one of the constables, who seized the boat in the first place, having previously advertised the boat for sale, for rent due Bosteen for storage, and at Bosteen's request sold the boat for \$7, which with constable's cost amounted to \$12. — No less a personage than Ben: Joice himself being the purchaser. Joice appears to have been kept well posted by the Constable. —

I had heard nothing of this matter of sale, until Friday last, when being on Bⁿ beach, Mr. Joice wife of Ben: Joice told me all particulars. — Joice after the purchase hesitated to pay the \$12. On this day, I paid H. L. Bosteen the rent \$7, who now holds the boat again for the department, and subject only to your decision in the matter. —

I suppose if I had not stepped in today, Joice would himself have paid the money, and taken the boat away.

I Have &c.
John W. Kess
D. A.

Hon: P. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

10. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday night the 2^d inst, in Burlington bay, near B. Heights. -

Men 3 John Raskerry, William King, John O'Neil, John Raskerry, Michael Yake & Dan: Yake, who were out there spearing, came upon two suspicious looking boats, which induced them to search about for herring gill nets. They succeeded in finding three nets, set in the waters of said bay. -

It appears the nets were being fished at the time by two of Dan: Joyce's sons, Samuel and James in one boat. - And in the other boat was supposed to be Thomas Joyce, another of Dan's sons, and Henry Bodkin, all of Burlington Beach. -

Thomas Joyce and Bodkin caught for their nets, and succeeded in getting away a portion of one. - The speares captured the balance about ten yards. - Thomas Joyce cut this net, it was filled with fish. -

Bodkin and Thomas Joyce stoned the men who stopped their illegal fishing. - They had a quantity of beach stones in their boat, for that purpose. -

James and Sam: Joyce attempted to rescue the nets, and they tried to inveigle the speares away from their nets. The speares however succeeded in dipping and securing about 150 yards of Herring gill net altogether and which they delivered up to me on the following day. The Herring found in the nets, say about 300, & gave to the men who seized the nets. -

John O'Neil, and another man were soundly beaten and bruised from the blows inflicted upon their person by the others. -

After the row was over James Joyce, and Sam. Joyce entered Yakey town - "The Valley Inn" close by, where they remained several hours. - While Thomas Joyce and Henry Bodkin were supposed to be still fishing illegally their nets. -

I have consulted with James Cahill Esq. the P. Magistrate, about this matter, and we have come to the conclusion under your sanction and approval of trying some other course with the Joyce family. - something besides that of fining them. - They can appeal, and have the conviction quashed. -

Better give no more license to such people at all. - I consider such a lawless people should be at once ordered away off P. beach. - The matter is submitted for your decision. -

Hon. P. Mitchell.

Yc. Yc. Yc.

I Have &c.
John W. Keene
J. A.

Sir,

22. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to report for your info that on Monday last at P^{ts} Doves, in the County of Norfolk; I fined Mr James Jarque, the sum of five dollars for fishing in Lake his opposite lot No: 22, in the township of Woodhouse, Unit Conception. -

Mr Jarque subsequently paid me \$2, because for this current year of 1870. - I therefore respectfully recommended that this fine may be allowed by you to remain in abeyance, as security for his future good behaviour. -

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
J.W.

Sir,

22. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Monday last, at P^{ts} Doves, in the County of Norfolk, Mr Thomas Corbett Jr of Woodhouse, was complained of before me, by his brother-in-law Mr Saml Barriester, a licensed fisherman;

For that he the said Thomas Corbett Jr did fish and catch fish in Lake his, within the fishing limits described in the license of the said Saml Barriester &c, during the early part of the month of November last,

The same being in contravention of the Fishing Act. - Mr Corbett has admitted the offence. I have fined him \$20, and \$1.50 of costs or twenty days in Simeon's Jail. - Mr Corbett was a licensed fisherman three years ago but became dissatisfied with a partner of his, and since then has occasionally, as I have heard, fished on the shore. - I recommend that the fine may be allowed by you to remain in abeyance, as security for his future good behaviour, and in the meantime I shall see that he pays at once the writings fees \$1.50 &c.

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
J.W.

Sir,

22. December 1870.

With reference to the annexed application addressed to the Commissioners, by Mr. Lot Spencer of Walsingham, in behalf of himself and Messrs. Benjamin Kilmaster, Owen Brown, Saml. B. Smith, and Wm. Woodward. - - -

I have the honor to report that in obedience to the Whitcher's instructions: I held a Consultation with the applicants at St. Rowan in the Township of Walsingham, and County of Norfolk, on Friday last. - - I have come to the conclusion to recommend to you that a license be granted, and issued to the applicants for the year 1871, for the sum of £20. I have already received the money subject of course to your decision. - -

The license to be issued will have to include all the Waters situated within all those certain lots of Big Marsh shown on the enclosed plan, besides the reserve of our chain on the Bay side of lot No: 14, including the Canal and Big Creek, as far as the main head, which is close to the village of St. Royal: and to be alike subject to all the provisions of the Fishery Act, and Regulation. -

I consider the arrangement I have completed, a fair one besides I believe the benefits by the transaction will be advantageous to the fisheries of the locality. -

When my arrangement is sanctioned by you there will no longer be that wanton destruction of fish, and open defiance of the laws in this locality, which I have had so frequently to bring under your notice during the past three years.

To be sure efforts will be made next March, and April to set the law at defiance as heretofore, but I shall stamp that out immediately

In conclusion, I may add that if the applicants will carry out their promise, and aid and assist me, a new era will soon dawn, beneficial to the fisheries similar to that already established by the Long Pt Company.

Hon. P. Mitchell

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr

D. C.

P. S. -

Please return the plan after you examine it.

John W. Kerr

D. C.

To W. J. Whitaker Esq.

Commissioner of Fisheries. -

Sir. - The undersigned begs to represent that several of his neighbours and himself have lately purchased from the Government the Marsh pointing their respective lots in the Township of Walsingham, namely, Benjamin Kilmeister owner of lot No. 10, Lot. Spencer owner of lot 11, Owen Bowyer owner of lot No. 12, James Radcliffe owner of lot 13, and William Woodward owner of lot 14, according to the enclosed Map prepared by the Crown Lands Department at Toronto. -

The undersigned on behalf of his neighbours and himself respectfully applies to the Government through you, for leave to dig 9 years of the fish grounds of the Ship Canal, and all the Crocks ponds and Meates within the limit of said marsh, included in the several lots according to the accompanying

The sundowners and his neighbours brought the Marsh referred to for the better protection of the fields of grain and grass in front of their farms. From persons crossing them when going to, and coming from the said marsh, as also for its fur and game. — And they desire the exclusive license of the Fisheries above mentioned not for any purpose of speculation or profit, but simply to protect the fur and game on the borrowed marsh against poachers, who kill the game and muskrats in season and out of season, under the pretence of fishing. —

I Have &c

Lot Spencer

Owner of lot No. 11, and
Agent of the other parties
named. —

Walsingham.
Nov: 10 1870.

Monday 12, Dec: 1870.

at Basteys Boat House, to fetch Luce's boat away from there — brought Team & sleigh there for that purpose, went out at 8. a.m. Came in at 4 p.m. Miles 10. —

Tuesday 13. Dec: 1870.

Summoned before James Cahill Esqre J.P. Police Magistrate by Joe Tate for beating him. — Attended there, defended by John Osann Esqre Atty — was fined \$5. and Costs \$1. which I paid instantes. — 1870 Dec. 13

Wednesday, 14 Dec. 1870.

At Concord and Pt Stanley, getting up my return. Went out at 8 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. — miles 99. Ry — fare 2.40 Pt Stanley $7\frac{1}{2}$ dinner 40, tea 25¢ — H & buggy 2.

Thursday 15 Dec. 1870.

At Pt Stanley, Pt House, and Pt Pownall, getting up my return, went out at 7 a.m. came in at 1 p.m. — Team #6. Had breakfast dinner — 75¢ tea 25¢ — Miles 24. —

Friday 16 Dec. 1870.

At Pt Pownall and Pt House and Pt Millis. Mail stage #1. Had 25¢, dinner 25¢ breakfast 25¢ tea 25¢. Miles 26. — other expenses 50¢. getting up my Annual Return. — out at 5, in at 4 p.m. —

Saturday 17, Dec 1870.

At St William, Turkey Point, Pt Pownall and Pt House. — getting up annual return went out at 8 a.m. got in at 4 p.m. — miles 22. H & buggy & team 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2. — dinner breakfast, tea & had #1. —

Sunday 18 Dec 1870.

In Pt House all day. —

Monday 19, Dec 1870.

In Pt House all day. See my report getting my return, &c. —

Tuesday 20, Dec 1870.

At Pt House, and along the Lake shore to Rainham, getting up my return, went out at 7 a.m. came in at Hiramville at 5 p.m. Team 5.50, Mail Car #1 — all day board #1.

Wednesday 21. Dec 1870.
 at Dunville Pt Collingwood St Catharines
 and home. — Ry fare 60. 75. stage fare 25
 Ry fare 1. — ~~like~~

Friday 23. Dec: 1870.
 at B. beach, getting up my return, went
 out at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. came in at 5. p.m. — Miles 26,
 a team — ~~25~~ — \$3.49

Monday. 26. Dec 1870.
 at B. beach. Fred Kerr served Mrs
 Hopkins wife of John W. Hopkins with paper in
 her house in Hopkins as she stated being in the
 City of Hamilton — Fred O Kerr also served
 Benj Joice personally with a copy of the
 same document, — John W Kerr getting up
 his return of fish caught, nets, boats &c
 went out at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. came in at 5. p.m.
 miles about 30. Team & bligh

Sir,

29. Dec. 1870.

I have the honor to send you herewith a Bank cheque for sixty dollars. -

This amount you will be pleased to apply as per enclosed return of thirty your names, on licenses issued, and to be issued for the years 1870 and 1871.

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr

J. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell

&c. &c. &c.

Names.

1. David Youngs,	#1.	19. Thomas Guiseon,	#1
2. Charles Shears,	"1.	20. John Lyons,	"1.
3. Columbus Hopkins,	"1.	21. Robt. K. Kelsey,	"1.
4. Shipman Cummings,	"1.	22. Charles Britton,	"1.
5. Lewis Dennis,	"1.	23. James Cummings,	"1.
6. David Blane,	"1.	24. John Rumble,	"1.
7. Ramsey Rolston,	"1.	25. Wm. K. Kelsey,	"1.
8. Henry Mullin,	"1.	26. Hugh Morrison,	"1.
9. Sam. Anderson,	"1.	27. Lewis Mills,	"1.
10. Charles Dutton,	"1.	28. Sam Joseph,	"1.
11. Watson Chisholm,	"1.	29. Wm. Hopkins,	"1.
12. Charles Saville,	"1.	30. Wm. Law,	x 5
13. John Baker,	"1.	31. James Youngs,	x 2
14. Charles Milne,	"1.	32. John Cain,	x 2
15. Ralph Johnston,	"1.	33. Peter Wardell,	2
16. J. Cummings,	"1.	34. Lot Spence & Co.,	x 20
17. J. Cummings,	"1.		
18. John H. Cummings,	"1.		

Total \$60.

Hon. P. Mitchell

&c. &c. &c.

I Have &c

John W. Kerr

J. W.

Port Maitland.

Sir,

Dec: 20. 1870.

I beg to report for your information that the Light House (a wooden one) situated at the mouth of the Grand River in this place was carried away by the force and violence of a storm between 3 and 4 o'clock a.m. this morning. - The Light House Keeper resigned his situation about 2 months ago. -

I will feel greatly obliged by your recommending me for the vacant situation. -

I Have &c.

J. W. Kerr Esq^r
Deputy Fisheries
Commissioner
Hamilton, Ont^y.

Henry Robt.
Fisherman

Sir,

28. Dec: 1870.

I have the honor to submit for your information a letter, I received from Mr Henry Robt, one of our Fishermen, residing on the shore of Lake Erie, near Pt Maitland, the mouth of the Grand River. -

Mr Robt reports that the Light House a small wooden one was carried away by the force and violence of a storm from there on the morning of the 20th instant. -

And as there is no Light House Keeper, the last incumbent having resigned.

Mr Robt. asks me to recommend him for the vacant place when the Light House is rebuilt again. -

I have much pleasure in doing so because as a fisherman and a man, I have always found him upright and honest. - His general character is very good.

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell
Dc. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
D. O.

Sir,

28. Dec. 1870.

With reference to my report to you of the 2^d day of November last, respecting certain proceedings instituted against Mr Pat Hand a fisherman, by a certain Mr Scott, resident near Winona, on Lake Ontario. - Township of Saltfleet.

I have in addition to report that Mr Pat Hand, was subsequently arrested, and held by bail to appear at the quarter Session held here to stand his trial for a nuisance in building a small dwelling house on the beach, or Lake shore, and in which he now resides with his wife and 4 children. - - -

After remaining at court here, during the whole term of the Session, Mr Hand returned home; his prosecutor, not appearing against him.

Mr Charles A. Sadlier, Solicitor, who was employed to defend Paddy Hand, has just commenced an action for damages against Mr Scott, for a malicious arrest and imprisonment. - Mr Sadlier is determined to carry the case through, in behalf of this poor fisherman.

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Hon. R. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Thursday 29. Dec: 1870. —

at B. Stoughton for my two boats went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. — Miles 12. — a team. — and two men to load them. — charges for team \$3. — dinner 25¢. — Tolls 10¢.

Friday 30. Dec: 1870.

at Galt to see and examine the fish breeding establishment, particularly in my memorandum book, H. H. buggy 2.50. toll 5¢. By fare 2.10. dinner 25¢. Miles

Sat: 31. Dec: 1870. —

at Stony Creek to see the Council respecting poor Paddy Mand, went out at 10. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. — Miles 24. came home by B. beach — H. H. Cutter 2.50. toll 9¢. — paid Joe Perry \$10. on sleigh. —

Mt. Salem Feb 18/71

John H. Kerr Esq
Hamilton

Sir:

Wish to ascertain if you are coming up the Lake shore this spring or not and will I

be justifiable to go on and fish as soon as the spring is open or not if not please direct me.

Please answer by return Mail Ed
oblige yours Truly

Jacob Burdett

Hamilton.

16th April 1871. -J. W. Kerr Esq^r
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your verbal enquiries relative to the Long Pt^y Company, I beg to state that the following gentlemen are the shareholders in the Company, namely:

- 5. E. L. Black: Toronto, British Subject,
- 10. S. A. Woodruff, St. Catharines, the same. -
- 5. Jas: L. Kerr, Hamilton, the same. -
- 15. David Giddell, Sarnia, the same. -
- 5. A. MacInnes, Hamilton, the same. -
- 5. John I. MacKenzie, Hamilton, the same. -
- 5. James Burns, Hamilton, the same. -
- 5. Alex: McInnes, Hamilton, the same. -
- 5. Geo. A. Drummond, Montreal, the same. -
- 5. John Rankin, Montreal, the same. -
- 15. Wm. R. Hunter, New York, the same. -
- 5. George A. Black, New York, the same. -
- 5. John B. Lord, New York, the same. -
- 5. J. A. Hamilton, New York, the same. -
- 5. Wm. Girdler, Boston, his father was. -

100 Shares.

I have further to say that this Company has never contemplated selling any of their interest in Long Point. - The object for which they received their charter from the Government of Canada will be carried out, and no Foreign Company can obtain the rights we now possess,

I am dear Sir,

Yours Truly

J. I. MacKenzie
Secy. Long Pt^y Company

In the Ontario Division of the Hamilton

Whitby Harbor	John Pilkington,	1.	License	150 $\frac{1}{2}$ g. n	1.
"	"	"	"	80 Pike g. n	"
"	George Wright & Co.,	3.	do	100 Seine	1.
do,	Allan Scott,	2.	do,	150 Pike g. n	$\frac{1}{2}$
do	Ad Bowhall and	2	do,	10500 S. Y. g. n,	15
"	Wm B. Sparks.	"	do,	4000 S. Y. g. n	35
Shoal point,	John Stead and	2.	License	700 W. J. g. n	4
"	Salby Wright.	"	"	"	6
"	"	"	"	"	1
Shoal point,	Wm McLeod and	2	License	1300 W. J. g. n	$1\frac{1}{2}$
"	Milton Gerson,	"	"	"	6
"	"	"	"	"	1
Spanishman Bay	James Hiltz.	2.	License	12000 S. Y. g.	80
"	John Fisher.	2.	"	4000 do.	36
"	John Birrell,	2	"	3000. do.	$36\frac{1}{2}$
"	George Clarke.	2.	"	1500. do	13
Duffins Creek,	James Beck,	2.	License	300 W. J. g. n	1
Port Union.	Joseph Moore,	2.	"	1200 do.	3
"	"	"	"	80. Seine	6
"	"	"	"	"	2
Gate Gulley.	Francis Portwine	2.	License	600 W. J. g. n	10
"	"	"	"	1200 S. Y. g. n	4
"	"	"	"	80. Seine	1
Leslieville,	John Holland	2.	License	150. Seine	5
"	"	"	"	7000 S. Y. g. n	20
"	"	"	"	3000 W. J. g. n	35
Leslieville	James Carruthers	2	License	4000 S. Y. g. n	20
"	Leon Marsh.	2	License	600 W. J. g. n	6
"	"	"	"	320 Pike	5
"	Ed Lines & Hooks.	"	"	520. Seine	3
Ashbridges Bay,	Charles Pettit &	2	License	400 Pike g. n	9
do. Toronto	Edward Afted,	"	"	"	"
"	John Gensell,	1	License	400 P. g. n	12
"	Wm Shuter.	2	do	350 P. g. n	6
The Island	John Ward.	1.	do	300. Pike g. n.	$\frac{1}{2}$
Toronto	Ed Lines and hooks used	"	"	300 Pike	2
"	in the bay. - 500 Sts.	"	"	500 Ed Lines	1

Year 1870.

97

District, between Whitby and the Village of Bronte,

Rough fish	10,	Fresh,	Whitby.	She only fished for a short time
"	"	"	"	"
Herring,	8	"	"	They only fished occasionally
Pike,	5,	"	"	for themselves. -
Salmon 3 ^h	150	Fresh,	Whitby	and surrounding Country. -
Salmon 3 ^h	350	Fresh	do,	do,
White fish,	40	"	Whitby	do
White fish,	60	"	do	do
Pickered	8	"	do,	do,
Salmon 3 ^h	15	"	do	do
White fish	60	Fresh,	Whitby	and surrounding Country. -
Pickered	8	"	"	"
Salmon 3 ^h	10	"	"	"
Salmon 3 ^h	800	Fresh,	Whitby, Toronto and	do,
Salmon 3 ^h	360	do,	do,	do,
Salmon 3 ^h	365	do,	do,	do. -
Salmon 3 ^h	130	do,	do,	do. -
White fish	10	do	do	do
White fish	30	do	do	do
Mullet,	30	do	do	do
Herring,	10,	do,	do,	do,
Salmon 3 ^h	100	Fresh,	do	do
White fish	40	do	do,	do,
Herring,	10	do,	do,	do
Pike	50	Fresh,	do	do
White fish	200	do	do	do
Salmon 3 ^h	350,	do	do	do
Salmon 3 ^h	200	do	do	do
White fish	80	fresh	do	do
Pike,	36,	do,	do	do
Eels	36	do,	do	do
Pike	90	do	do	do
Pike	120	Fresh	do	do
Pike	60	"	do	do
Ciscoes	16	"	do	do
Pike	16	"	do	do
Frost fish	8	"	do	do
Herring	18	"	do	do
Salmon	8	"	do	do

Whitley to Monte Cont^d

The Island Toronto,	Pat ^r . Gray	3.	License	3000 lbs. g. n	30
				250 Seals	10
				200 Pike g. n	4
				200. St. Seals	30
					5
					10
The Island Toronto.	W. Ward	3	License	6000 S. Y. g. n	31
				3200 L. g. n	26½
				250 Seals	60
					4
					5
The Island Toronto,	George Duran	3.	License	3600 S. g. n	30
				250 Seals	60
				200 Seals	8
				4000. S. Y. g. n	30.
The Island Toronto,	John Hauler	1.	License	300 Pike g. n	10
				300 St. g. n	10
					3
Port Credit	W. Ward	3.	License	6000 S. Y. g. n	40
"	Thomas Blad	2	License	1400 S. Y. g. n	5
"	"	"	"	300. W. f. g. n	2
Monte,	Wm. Engledow	2.	License	1600, do	20
"	"	"	"	1000 S. Y. g. n	4
"	"	"	"	800 L. g. n	5
Monte.	Thos: Loeis	3.	License	2400 C. g. n	12
	Sam: Loeis	"	"	800. St. g. n	10
	Total	58 Men.			864½

To,

The Hon: Peter Mitchell
 Chief of Marine and
 Fisheries
 Ottawa.

Hamilton.
 1st Jan'y/

Year 1870. -

White fish	300	Fresh	Toronto
Pike	100		
Herring,	40		
Ciscoes,	240	420	
Trout fish	40		
Suckers	100		
Salmon 3/4	310	Fresh.	Toronto,
White fish	265		
Ciscoes.	600		
Herring,	40		
Suckers & Pike,	50		
White fish,	300	Fresh.	Toronto,
Ciscoes.	600		
Rough fish	80		
Salmon Trout	300		
Pike.	100	Fresh	Toronto
Herring,	100		
Trout fish	30		
Salmon 3/4	400	Fresh	Toronto and Port Credit.
Salmon 3/4	50	do	Kept for family use. -
Wh: fish,	20	"	do, do,
Wh: fish,	220	Fresh,	Hamilton and Niagara. -
Salmon 3/4	50	"	" "
Ciscoes.	50	"	" "
Herring,	90	Fresh	Hamilton Wellington by press.
Ciscoes.	102	Smoked.	and Bronte.
Total	8480		

Ontario,
1871. -

John W. Kerr,
J. J. O'Connell,
Hamilton.

Year 1870.
Lake Ontario Fisheries of the Hamilton District
between Whitley Harbour and Toronto.

			\$	¢
58. Men employed fishing. —				
9. Seine 1560	Yards of White fish & Herring Seine.		2340	00
150	Yards of Trout fish gill net. —		12	00
2500	Yards of Pike gill net. —		150	00
65600	Yards of Salmon Trout gill net. —		3280	00
10200	Yards of White fish gill net. —		618	00
12300	Yards of Lake gill net. —		1330	00
1100	Yards of Herring gill net. —		110	00
1020	Yards of Eel lines and Hooks. —		20	00
Add,				
Total			7860	00
31. Boats.			930	00
34. Large Reels. —			102	00
60. Boxes, and Small Reels.			60	00
18. Barrows for Seines.			18	00
Grand Total.			8970	00

To, The Hon. Peter Mitchell, Hamilton, Onto, Secy. of
Minister of Marine, and Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — 1st January 1871. — H. O.
Hamilton

Remarks.

This shows an increase over the previous year
of \$3368.40. —

Total amt. of Yards of all kinds of Nets
for year 1870, is — 94570 yards. —
" do, 1869, was 49710 "

Increase, 44860 "

Beside 1020 Yards of Line and Hooks
worth \$20. —

Year 1870,
 Lake Ontario division of Hamilton District, be-
 tween Whitley Harbour, and Bronte,
 Return and Classification of fish Caught.

No of Bar	Description of fish.	Amount		Remarks.
		£.	s.	
393.	Salmon Trout.	3940	00	
160	White fish.	1625	00	
166½	Sciscos, or Lake Herring.	1598	00	
35	Herring "Common"	306	00	
2	Pickled.	16	00	
10.	Trout fish.	30	00	
	Old coarse fish.			
9.	Rough fish	90	30	are claped
100½	Pike	577	00	under head of
24.	Mullet and Suckers.	198	00	Coarse fish.
4.	Eels.	24	00	
864 133.	Total.	8480	00	

Hamilton, Ontario.

1st January 1871. —

John W. Kent

J. W. Kent.

In Lake Ontario division of the Hamilton

Four Mile Cr. Niagara	James Cantwell, ✓ 4,	License	600 Sme	10
"			2000 W. f. g. m.	1
"			1000 Pick-	10
"			"	1
Four Mile Cr. Niagara,	Joseph and ✓ 4,	License	600 Sme	33
"	Abner St. Grobb,		"	2
"			"	3½
Two Mile Cr. Niagara.	John Bolton, ✓ 4,	License	250 Sme	24
"		"	300 P. g. m.	3
"		"	"	4
"		"	"	3
The Port & River Niagara.	Thomas Elliott ✓ 4,	License	230 Sme	30
"			100 Sme	8½
"			"	5
"			"	6
The Port & River Niagara.	Thomas Elliot. ✓ 4	License	230 Sme	20
"			100 Sme	7
"			"	5
"			"	6
Niagara.	Chas. & Albt. Ball, ✓ 2.	License	1500 S. J. g. m.	20
"			2000 W. f. do.	25
"			1200 P. g. m.	3
"			"	3
"			"	1
Niagara & 50 ft P. D. Bates. -	Wm. Ward ✓ 2,	License	900 Sme	8
"			1600 W. f. g. m.	15
"			"	5
"			"	1
Niagara R. & Queenston.	Henry Sheppard ✓ 4,	License	80 Sme	10
"			"	17
"			"	1
"			"	10
Niagara R. at Queenston	Jos. Gabriel, ✓ 2,	License	Machine	6
"			"	20
"			"	14
"			"	3

District, between Little Creek, and Queenston, ¹⁰³ the River.

Wh. fish,	100	Fresh Niagara	
Herring,	10		
Pickrel,	100		Caught in American water
Sturgeon,	9½		
Wh. fish,	330	Fresh,	St. Catharines & surrounding Country,
Sturgeon,	20		On the ground - do,
Herring,	35		do do
White fish,	240	Fresh,	St. Catharines,
Herring,	30	"	"
Rough fish,	41	"	"
Pickrel,	21	"	"
White fish,	300	Niagara, and all fresh,	
Pickrel,	51	"	"
Herring,	50	"	"
Rough fish,	36	"	"
White fish,	200	Fresh,	Niagara & Toronto,
Pickrel,	50		
Herring,	50		
Rough fish,	36		
White fish,	200	Fresh	Niagara, St. Catharines, Buffalo, and Hamilton,
Pickrel,	150	"	"
Sm Trout,	30	"	"
Herring,	30	"	"
Sturgeon,	10	"	"
White fish,	80	Fresh	Hamilton & Niagara
Cisco,	150	Smoked	
Herring,	50	Fresh,	
Sm Trout,	20	"	
Herring,	100	Fresh,	St. Catharines, St. David and the
Pickrel,	170	"	surrounding Country.
Sturgeon,	10	"	
Mullet &c,	50	"	
Salp,	60	Fresh,	St. Catharines &c. &c. &c.
Herring,	200	"	
Pickrel,	140	"	
Sturgeon,	30	"	

6 Mile $6\frac{1}{2}$ to ^{year} Queenston

Niagara River. Dr. Berrow. ✓ 2, Science, Machine 1
at Queenston 8^{1/2}

Niagara River, John Gladsworth 2, Science 2 Machine 20
at Queenston, 10

Niagara John Raymond & Co 2, Science 1500 W. J. J. 5
400 P. J. M. 3

at Niagara Messrs Shulock 3, Hot. 800 W. J. J. 8
H. J. J. 800 H. J. J. 8
Note 39 Men. 2^d 411^{1/2} B³

Hon. Peter Mitchell,
Min. of Marine,
and Fisher.,
Ottawa.

Hamilton Onto
1st January 1871.

1870. Contd.
Continued.

105

Salp.	10
Herring	86
Sturgeon	10
Pickled	20
In Transit	9
Herring	200
Pickled	100
Salp.	20
Sturgeon	60
Wh. Fish	60
Pickled	30
"	"
Eel	80

Total \$387 3/4

Fresh, In Livingston, St. David, and
Sussex Bridge. —

Fresh, In Livingston, principally. —

Fresh. — Caught principally in American
side — Lost all white fish
in a storm. —

Fresh, In Buffalo, Market. —

John W. Kent
J. Oversee

Year 1870.

Lake Ontario Division of the Hamilton Dis^t
between Six Mile Creek, and Queenston.

39. Men	employed fishing.		
8. Lewis	2190. Yards of White fish & Sherring.	\$ 2628	00
	7100. Yards of White fish gill net.	426	00
	1500. Yards of Salmon & gill net.	75	00
	900 Yards of Lewis gill net.	90	00
	2900 Yards of Pickard gill net.	174	00
	4. Machines in Niagara R. Queenston.	400	00
	1600 Yds of Sal line, hooks & shanks.	40	00
	Add, Total \$.	3832	00
	16. Boats.	480	00
	15. Large Reel.	45	00
	16. Bait boxes.	16	00
	28. Bait, and Small Reel.	28	00
	Grand Total.	4402	00

Remarks.

There is only an increase of 590 yards of all kinds of nets this year, over the previous year.

The 1600 yards of Sal line, hooks &c, is also an increase over the previous year.

The Hon: P. Mitchell
He. He. He

John W. Kerr
Hamilton City, N. Y.,
1. January 1871.

Year 1870.

Lake Ontario Division of the Hamilton District
between 6 Mile Creek, and Speculator, on the
Niagara River. —

Return, and Classification of fish Caught. —

No. of B.	Description of fish. —	Amount.	Remarks. —
5.	Salmon Trout,	59 00	
150.	White fish. —	1510 00	
84.	Shad. —	841 00	
99½.	Pickrel. —	832 00	
15.	Scissors. "Smoked".	150 00	
9.	Bals. —	90 00	
	Old. Coarse fish. —		
15.	Sturgeon,	149 50	Are classed under the head of Coarse fish.
10.	Mullet. &c.	50 00	
16.	Rough fish "mixed"	112 10	
2.	Eels. —	80 00	
411½	Barrel. —		
	Total	3873 00	7.

Hamilton, Onto.,

11 January 1871. —

John W. Kerr

J. A.

In Lake Ontario division of the Hamilton District

Station No 19, B. beach. -	James Headbale	2	Seine	250. Seine	2.
				250. H. g. n	1.
				"	20.
Station 18. B. Beach. -	Mr John Baldry.	3.	Seine	300. Seine	3.
				500. H. g. n	6.
				500. b. g. n.	1.
Stations No: 14 & 15, B. beach. -	Robt. Hall,	2	Seine	600 H. g. n.	3.
				500. b. g. n.	4.
				"	2.
				"	4.
				"	4.
Station No: 16, B. beach.	Thos. Campbell	"	Seine	"	"
	"	"	"	"	"
Station No: 14 B. Beach,	H. Vanlyson	1	Seine	500. H. g. n	3.
					2.
Station 12.	G. H. Corey.	4.	Seine	450. Seine	3
				300. Seine	4
				250. H. g. n.	5
				"	12.
Section 12, Station. 11.	Mr Peter Grant, Dan McFoyne	"	Seine	"	"
				1200 b. g. n	8
				600 Seine	4
				300 Seine	4
				"	70
				"	10
				"	6
				"	6
St: No: 10 & 10.	John Dynes,	4.	Seine	300 C. g. n.	5
				600 Seine	5
				200 Seine	6
				"	2
Station No: 9.	John Laaffe,	4	Seine	600 Seine	10
				240. Seine	14
				1000 S. B. g. n	1
				600 H. f.	4
				800 C. g. n	5
					16
					4
					4

between Monte village and the big mile Creek. —

Rough fish	15	Fresh	Hamilton, and on Br. Beach. —
Ciscos,	10	Smoked	do, " "
Herring,	150	Fresh,	Hamilton " "
Pike,	30	"	" "
Herring,	60	"	" "
Ciscos,	10	Fresh,	" "
do. —	37½	Smoked,	" "
Ciscos. —	30	Fresh,	Hamilton
Ciscos,	25	Smoked,	" "
Herring. —	30	Fresh,	" "
do.	40	Smoked	" "
— " —	— " —	— " —	He did not fish it. —
— " —	— " —	— " —	— " —
Herring,	24	Fresh	Hamilton
do,	20	Smoked	do,
White fish,	30	Fresh,	do,
Pike,	40	"	"
Suckers,	25	"	"
Herring,	120	"	"
"	— " —	— " —	— " —
White fish	80	Fresh	Hamilton
Pike,	40	"	"
Suckers,	20	"	"
Herring,	525	"	"
Herring,	100.	Smoked,	"
Ciscos,	60	Fresh,	"
Ciscos,	75	Smoked,	"
White fish,	50	Fresh	Hamilton,
Rough fish	30	"	"
Herring. —	60	"	"
Ciscos. —	25	Smoked	"
Salmon 1½	100	Fresh	Hamilton
Wh. fish	140	"	"
Suckers.	5	"	"
Ciscos,	40	"	"
Pike,	35	"	"
Herring.	120	Fresh,	"
Ciscos	40	"	"
Ciscos,	50	Smoked,	"

Continued year
to
Monte Village

Station No 8. B. Beach,	Wm. Perkins	4	License	600 Series	5
				250 Series	8
				150. b. g. n.	10
				"	10
				"	1
Str 5 and pt of 6. B. Beach.	Rev. Goulbs.	4.	License	260 Series	7½
				600. Series	6
				2000 S. J. g. n.	4
				1200 C. g. n.	6
				200. H. g. n.	6
					5
					5
Str No 3, B. Beach,	H. J. Hatch	4	License	500. Series	5
				250. Series	10
				600. b. g. n.	1½
				300 H. g. n.	6
				"	7
Str No 2,	H. J. Corey,	3.	License	100 Series	3
				300. b. g. n.	2
				200 H. g. n.	4
				"	2
Str part of 6.	Alex Rolfe,	1.	License	1000 C. g. n.	15
				600. H. g. n.	4
				"	2
Fifty Point,	Ric. Lauffe,	1	License	800. C. g. n.	3½
				1000. S. C. g.	10
				700. W. J. g.	4
				"	4,
do.	Wm. Deane	1.	License	300 C. g. n.	2
B. Beach.	Charles Deane	4	License	120 Series	1.
do.	Spearing H. g.	30	License	30 Speaks	40
do	do	"	"	Pike.	
do	Jos. Williams	1.	Hot,	300 Series	5,
do, & B. Beach,	do	"	"	300 Hooks	
	Dr. McMillan,	1.	Hot,	300 Hooks	5,
			"	300 Hooks	
			License	200 H. g. n.	3

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the white creek.

Wh. fish,	50	Fresh	Hamilton
Rough fish,	40	"	"
Herring,	75	Smoked,	"
Herring,	50	Fresh,	"
Ciscos,	10	"	"
S. Trout	75	Fresh	Hamilton,
Rough fish	36,	"	"
Wh. fish	40,	"	"
Herring,	45,	Fresh,	"
Herring,	60,	Smoked,	"
Ciscos,	50	Fresh,	Hamilton
Ciscos,	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	Smoked	"
White fish	50	Fresh	Hamilton
Ciscos,	100	"	"
Ciscos	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	Smoked	"
Herring	45	Fresh,	"
Herring	70	do,	"
White fish	30	Fresh,	Hamilton,
Herring,	20	"	"
Ciscos,	50	Smoked,	"
Rough fish	20	Fresh,	"
Ciscos,	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	Smoked,	Hamilton,
Herring,	30	Fresh,	"
Herring,	20,	Smoked	"
S. Trout,	35	Fresh	Hamilton,
W. fish,	100	"	"
Ciscos,	50	Smoked,	"
Ciscos,	40	Fresh,	"
Ciscos	25	Smoked	Hamilton
Rough fish,	10	For family use,	given by order of Connors
Herring,	300	For family use,	"
Pike	500	Fresh	Hamilton
Eels,	50	Fresh	do
Eel	50	Fresh,	do,
Herring	21,	"	"

For year 1870,
Monte Village to six.

ifty Point, and Oak Sound, 16. & 4 M. Creek	2, License	1900 S. S. g. n	10
		2000. W. f. g. n	37½
		150. H. g. n,	1.
do, Alex. Jones.	2, License,	2050 W. f. g. n	20,
	"	"	1,
The 40. M. Creek, Rye McBurdy,	2, License,	2000 S. S. g. n	- "
	"	150. Seins,	3
The 20 M Creek, Ab H. Fobbe	2, License	800. W. f. g. n	3
do & Sound, Ric. Filant, &	2, License,	150. Seins	13
Ric. Baynter. -	-	500. W. f. g. n,	- -
Pt. Dalhousie Peter Bath,	2, License	700. S. S. g. n,	4
		1800. S. S. g. n	21
		500. P. g. n	5
		"	1
		"	1
		"	2
The 6 M. Creek John Sound,	2, License	1500 S. S. g. n	8
& Niagara,	"	1800. W. f. g. n	27
	"	400. C. g. n	- -
Total, 92 men			Total 685

Hon. P. Mitchell
Min. of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

Conford
Mile Creek. —

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S. Trout	100	Fresh	Hamilton	1400 Yards of the Salmon Net was stolen supposed by Peter Bath of St. Catharines
Wh. fish	375	"	Niagara	
Herring	10	"	"	
Wh. fish	200	Fresh	Windsor &	
S. Trout	12 1/2	"	Niagara	He did not fish it. —
Rough fish	24	Fresh	Grimsby	Did not fish it. —
White fish	30	"	On the ground	
Rough fish	120	"	Toronto, Beausville and Grimsby.	
"	"	"	"	
S. Trout	40	Fresh	St. Catharines	did not fish it.
Pickled	105	"	"	
Cisco	50	"	"	
Cat fish	12	"	"	
Pike	5	"	"	
Wh. fish	20	"	"	
S. Trout	80	Fresh	St. Catharines	did not fish it.
Wh. fish	270	"	Hamilton	
"	"	"	"	
Total, 6180 1/4				

Hamilton, Onto,
1st January 1871.

John W. Kent
S. Overton

Year 1870. -
 Lake Ontario Division of the Hamilton District be-
 tween Bronte, and Six Mile Creek.

92 Men including 30 Spearmen. -		\$,	\$.
20 Series 6820 Yards of White fish and Sterring. -	8525	00	
11200 Yards of Salmon Trout gill net, -	560	00	
8450 Yards of White fish gill net. -	507	00	
8750 Yards of Leises gill net. -	875	00	
3750 Yards of Sterring gill net. -	375	00	
500 Yards of Pickard gill net. -	30	00	
600 Yards of Eel line, hook and snood, -	15	00	
30 Spears. -	45	00	
Add	Total. - \$	10,932	00
27 Boats. -	810	00	
30 Spearing boats. -	150	00	
28 Large Reels. -	84	00	
40 Barrows. -	40	00	
34 Boxes and Set Rails. -	34	00	
	Grand Total \$	12,050	00

This shows an increase over the previous year of \$2393. -

Total No. of yards of all kind of Nets
 for the year 1870. Valued \$10,872
 do, 1869. " 8,479
 Increase 2393

Beside 30 Spears, eel lines, and hook
 worth, \$60. -

An increase of 1240 Yards (Nets) over the
 previous year.

Hamilton Onto. John W. Kerr
 1 January 1871.

D. Decker
 Hamilton.

Hon. P. Mitchell.
 M of M & S.
 Ottawa.

Year 1870,
 Lake Ontario division of the Hamilton District, be-
 tween Monte Village, and the Six Mile Creek. —
 Return and Classification of fish Caught. —

No. of Bar.	Description of fish.	Amount		Remarks.
		¢.	¢.	
44	Salmon Trout,	442	50	
146½	White fish,	1465	00	
49½	Scissos. (Smoked)	625	75	
44	Scissos. (Fresh.)	430	00	
24	Herring (Smoked)	315	00	
216.	Herring. (Fresh.)	1680	00	
21.	Pickled	105	00	
	Odd, Coarse fish,			
42,	Rough or mixed fish.	305	00	are clasped
67.	Pike. —	650	00	under head
10.	Eels. —	100	00	of Coarse
10.	Suckers. —	50	00	fish. —
1.	Catfish. —	12	00	
685 Barrels,		Total	6180 25¢	

Hamilton Ont.,
 1, January 1871. —

John W. Kent
 J. Overell

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Year 1870,

In Lake Erie division of the Hamilton District

Black Creek	W. W. Little	4	License	80	Seine	2
to Gr. Erie, N. R.	"	"	"	"	"	2
Port Erie	Chester A. Harris	4	License	80	Seine	21
Niagara River	"	"	"	"	"	30
Port Maitland	Danby Rops	2	License	250	Seine	15
"	"	"	"	"	"	13
"	"	"	"	"	"	7
"	"	"	"	"	"	5
Dunville and	Wm. M. Green	25	License	50	Seine	10
Haldimand	John Logan & Co.	"	"	50	Seine	25
"	"	"	"	15	Dip Nets	3
Wardells Creek	Peter Wardell	2	License	800	W. J. g. n	7
Lake Erie	Isaac Bates	1	"	500	"	8
Wardells Bay	Isaac Culp & Co.	3	"	2350	"	30
do	Sol. Wardell	1	"	200	"	1 1/2
Millers Bay	Chris. Shank	1	"	200	"	1
do	Aubrose Gloyde	1	"	200	"	1
Hoovers Bay	Abm. Stickle	1	"	150	"	1
do	David Hoover &	2	"	200	"	1
"	George Hett	"	"	200	"	1
Hoover Point	Edison Swartz	2	"	600	"	15
"	Darius Swartz	"	"	400	"	7 1/2
Sanduske and	Wm. Wardell	1	"	300	"	7 1/2
Peacocks Point	Sam. Kuiseloy	1	"	1000	"	7 1/2
Peacocks Point	George Howard	2	"	1500	"	10
do	Wm. Edsall	2	"	1200	"	10
Hudsons Point	Tim. Stone and	2	"	800	"	1
Harticoke	Thomas English	"	"	"	"	1
Walpole	James Fargus	2	"	1700	"	5
Woodhouse	Chas. Schreier & Co.	3	"	1800	"	26
do	John Law	2	"	2600	"	6
do	Wm. Law	2	"	1500	"	10
do	John Paine	2	"	600	"	"
Port Ryerse	Pat. Layhe	2	"	900	"	8
do	Jos. H. Herald	2	"	1100	"	6

from Port Gallop, eastward to Black Creek. —

Herrings,	16,	Fresh,	In the neighbourhood.
Pickled,	12	do,	"
Pickled,	210	do,	In Buffalo Market,
Herring,	300	do,	do,
Pickled	150	Fresh,	In Buffalo and Duville.
Mullet & hick	130	"	"
Catfish,	70	"	"
Pike &c,	50	"	"
Sturgeon,	100	Fresh,	Duville.
Rough fish	250	"	"
Pickled,	30	"	"
White fish	75.	Fresh,	Duville.
	80.	"	In the neighbourhood.
	300.	"	In Duville.
	17.	Both,	Kept for the use of the family. —
	12½	Fresh,	For family use.
	15	"	do,
	15	"	do,
	15	"	do,
	15	"	do
	150	Fresh	In the neighbourhood
	75	"	"
	75	"	Sold in the neighbourhood at
	75	"	Chippside &c. —
	150	"	at Stagersville & family use.
	150	"	Chippside & Belkirk.
	15	"	Hauticoke, Lost nets in a storm
	15	"	do
	75	"	Pt doves.
	260	"	do, and surrounding Country.
	60	"	do, The nets were robbed of
	100	"	do fish on one occasion.
7. White fish —	2	Fresh,	Eat them himself.
	80	"	Pt Byrnes,
	60.	"	do. —

Year 1870

Pt. Gallop, eastward

Turkey Point, Wm Smoock	4	License	600 Seins	10
			600 Seins	30
			"	50
			"	25
			"	10
			"	4
Turkey Point, & John Jackson	2	License	300 Seins	3
Long Point, -				25
				10
				20
				4
Turkey Point, James Crocker	2	License	250 Seins	10
				10
				1
				2
Turkey Point, George Helmer & Co.	4	License	300 Seins	15
				10
				5
Turkey Point, John Simons	3	License	250 Seins	5
do, Ed. Steeter	2	"	200 Seins	6
do, James Gibbs	1	"	300 Seins	6
do, Oscar Hanson	1	"	300 Seins	6
Long pt Bay, Charles Phillips & Co	3	License	400 Pt. g. n	10
do, and Big Creek about 40 persons in all			20 Dip nets	100
			L. fr. dept 20, Spears	--
Long point, Wm Crandell	2	License	200 Seins	2
"				3
"				3
"				6
Long point, Edw. Foster & Co.	2	License	200 Seins	1
				2
				2
				3

* The Long pt Company. Have not yet commenced to

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to Fort Erie &c. —

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W. fish.	160,	Fresh.	Seneca
Pickrel.	300		Vittoria
Herring.	500		Homandale
Rough fish	250		Beauford
Sturgeon,	100		Forestville
Cracklings	40		and all over the surrounding County.
White f.	30	Fresh.	Seneca and Pt Rowan.
Sturgeon,	250		Vittoria and surrounding Country.
Herring.	100		
Pickrel	200		
Catfish,	40		
Herring,	100	Fresh.	Pt Rypress, Vittoria & surrounding Country.
Pickrel,	100		
Wh. fish,	10,		
Sturgeon,	20		
Herring,	150	Fresh.	Seneca, Forestville and surrounding Country.
Pickrel	100		
R. fish.	50		
R. fish	50	Fresh	On the ground, a poor old man, had my leave.
R. fish,	60	"	Forestville and Charlestonville.
R. fish,	60	"	In the neighbourhood had 250 Hacks
R. fish,	60	"	do, do, 250.
Pickrel.	100	"	Fresh. Port Rowan,
Pickrel.	1000	"	do, all through the surrounding Country for miles around.
Wh. fish.	20	Fresh. —	Port Rowan, and back in the Country
Pickrel,	30	"	"
Herring.	30,	"	"
Rough fish,	60,	"	"
Wh. fish.	15	"	Port Rowan & Pt Royal.
Pickrel.	20	"	"
Herring.	20	"	"
R. fish,	15.	"	"

fish. The protect the fish at present, which is becoming a great benefit to the neighbouring fishermen, as well as to the public generally. &c.

Year 1870

Port Gallop, eastward to

Clear Creek,	Jacob Burdau	2	License 400. No f. g. n.	8
"	Germaine Bonsee	"	"	10
"	"	"	" 500. License	6
Port Bruce	Sylvanus Young,	2.	License 200 License	1
			100 b. g. n.	10
			"	3
			"	5
			"	6½
Port Bruce,	Henry Brouse Ho	2	License 75 License	6
				1
				5
Port Bruce.	John Best,	2.	License 80. License	6
				3
				1
				5
Pt Stanley,	Peter Burwell,	2	License 250 License	15
				15
				10
Pt Gallop,	Charles J. Burdau	2.	License 200 License	10
"	"	"	"	5
"	"	"	"	5
Old Old Port	Wm Chambers	Not	1 650 License	10
Port Erie	John Medcalf,	Not	1 650. "	15
"	"	"	"	5
"	Albert P. Shaw	Not,	1 650. "	15
"	"	"	"	5
"	David Church,	Not,	1 650. "	15
"	"	"	"	5
"	Albert Church,	Not	1 650. "	15
"	"	"	"	5
"	Charles Vial.	1	Not, 650. ---	5
"	"	"	"	5
"	Las Nugent,	1	Not 650. ---	5
"	"	"	"	5

155 Men

Boats 954½

Hon: R. Mitchell,

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Hamilton Onto

1. January 1871.

Contd. —
 Port Erie.

Wh. fish.	80	Fresh.	In Malahide.
Cat fish.	100	"	"
Sturgeon.	52½	"	"
Wh. fish.	15	Fresh.	Pt. Bruce. and surrounding Country.
Pickrel.	100		
Catfish.	30		
Rough fish.	40		
Herring.	65		
Pickrel.	80	Fresh.	Pt. Bruce. do. do.
Herring.	20		
Wh. fish.	15		
Rough fish.	35		
Pickrel.	60	Fresh.	Pt. Bruce. do. do.
Herring.	30		
Wh. fish.	15		
Rough fish.	45		
Pickrel.	150	Fresh.	Pt. Stanley and St. Thomas. —
Herring.	150	"	do. do.
Rough fish.	100		
Pickrel.	100	Fresh.	Yongal and surrounding Country. —
Herring.	50		
Rough fish.	50		
Pickrel.	100	Fresh.	In Buffalo
St. Pickrel.	150	"	"
Sturgeon.	50	"	"
Pickrel.	150	"	"
Sturgeon.	50	"	"
Pickrel.	150	"	"
Sturgeon.	50	"	"
Pickrel.	150	"	1000 "
Sturgeon.	50	"	"
Pickrel.	50	"	"
Sturgeon.	50	"	"
Pickrel.	50	"	"
Sturgeon. —	50	"	"
Total \$9727			

John W. Kerr.
 J. D. Oliver.

Year 1870.

Lake Erie division of Hamilton District, from
Port Talbott eastward to Port Erie. —

150. Men employed, including Speares &c.	
19. Seines, 4215 yards White fish obbering.	4215 00
21.200 yards of White fish gill net.	1969 00
35 Dip Nets.	70 00
400 yards of Pickrel gill net.	32 00
100. yards of Sturgeon gill net.	10 00
20. Spears &c.	40 00
5650 Yards of Pickrel, and Sturgeon lines, including hooks &c.	150 00
Add.	Total --- \$
100 Boats,	6213 00
19. Large Reels,	2000 00
40. Small Reels,	57 00
38 Barrows;	40 00
	38 00
	Grand Total --- \$
	8348 00

There is an increase of all ^{Kind of} nets this year
over the previous one of 3720 yards.

Total Value of nets for 1870.	6023.00
previous year	1869. — 4422.50
Increase,	\$1600 50

Wm P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

John H. Kerr
Hamilton Ont.
1. January 1871.

Year 1870.

Lake Erie division of the Hamilton District
From Pt. Talbot eastward to Port Erie. -

Return, and Classification of fish Caught. -

No. of Bars	Description of fish.	Amount,		Remarks.
		£.	¢.	
200	White fish.	2246	50	
153½	Herring. -	1531	00	
355,	Pickrel. -	3542	00	
4,	Maskinonge	40	00	
13,	Mullet. Chase fish.	130	00	
24,	Cat fish. - do	240	00	
5,	Pike. - do	50	00	
83,	Sturgeon. - do,	822	50	
117,	Rough fish or mixed do.	1125	00	
954½	Barrel. - Total, \$	9727	00	¢

Hamilton, Onto

1. January 1871. -

John W. Hart,
J. Reuger.10/10
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Salmon.

The Salmon appeared in Lyons, Duffins, Hylton and twelve mile Creeks; The Ronge and River Credit last fall, and spawned there.

The Guardians were active in assisting me, to protect the fish, where up stream, on the spawning grounds.

These streams are all situated in the first division, on Lake Ontario, of my district.

The reappearance, and increase of Salmon I attribute in part to the exerting of Mr Saml Wilnot, of the Government Breeding Establishment, Newcastle. — Together with the aid of Guardians, and facilities afforded me by you, in keeping the water pure, and free from saw dust, and the fish always safe, and secure from destruction, at this particular season of the year. —

Vide Regulation, 26. October 1870. —

On Tuesday the 27, of October last, the Salmon were again first discovered ^{last season} in Duffins Creek, and on the 18th day of November following, I observed 17 hdds in the stream myself. —

Salmon Trout. —

The present Fisheries Act, for protecting this valuable fish wants to be amended by Regulation. No Salmon Trout should be caught after the 1st day of September, nor before the 1st day of March following. — The take of Salmon Trout at Whitley, Frenchman's Bay, Toronto, and R. Credit, in Lake Ontario, was good, during past year 1870, both in quality and ^{the} quantity of fish taken. —

White fish. —

In consequence of high water in Lake Ontario during the year 1870, beside adverse winds, the take was not so good as I expected. The take

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all over my district however is very nearly up to the previous year of 1869. —

Ciscoes, and Sturgeon. —

The Sturgeon fishing this year, was a success. — The Cisco, and Sturgeon fishing of Lake Ontonagon in my District is becoming profitable for those fishermen, who now engage in it. — The fish are always delicious, and either fresh or smoked command a ready sale, as well as good and remunerative prices. — — —

I beg most respectfully to submit to you, my desire to see fixed times and periods, for fishing for these valuable fish lawfully established, by a department regulation. —

The Regulation gill net for Catching Ciscoes, and Sturgeon, should never be less than 2 1/2 inches extension measure. —

I am aware, and I presume you as well as the Commissioner is aware, that there is such a thing, as ~~Capturing~~ ^{depleting} our waters completely out. — It is, as an aid, and to prevent such a wanton state of things henceforth occurring, that I desire to see a wholesome regulation of this nature established. — — —

The take of all other kinds of fish set forth in my annual returns will I hope be found satisfactory. —

Boat License. —

I would respectfully recommend that no boat license be at any time issued to any resident fisherman of another District to invade my district. — I hope roving commissions of this kind will not be permitted by the Department. — — —

The resident licensed local fishermen; always require protection from trespasses and intruders of this kind, both from within, and more particularly from without. —

If one part of our Lake fishes abound with more fish at certain seasons of the year, than other part of our Lake fishes do, I consider it is the resident local fishermen alone, who should reap the benefit of the abundance, and not foreigners belonging to another district. —

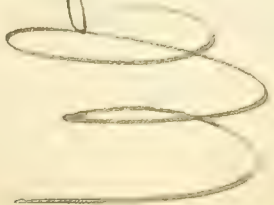
I have been obliged to lease outwards from the beach of Lake Ontario, as far, and to an extent of 15 miles, in order to protect my local resident licensed fishermen from trespasses, and intruders of this class. —

The fishermen, & Dealers.

The fishermen of my district, as well as the Irish dealers whom they supply, both at the City of Toronto, and Hamilton; are by industrious habits, improving their condition in life. —

I hope you will be pleased to expunge from the Fisheries Act, that part of sub sec. 5. of Section 16, which entitles the Prosecutor to half of the fine. — As an Ouellet, I have, and shall cease taking half fine in future, because Judge Logie, declined to take my evidence, as a Sizing Officer, and the Barrister who pleaded at the Department, never allow an opportunity to half of charging me with being an incompetent witness, because entitled to half of the fine. —

My position as an Ouellet, during the past year, on several occasions, has been made unpleasant, by the obstructive, annoying, and malicious proceedings of two of the local



Magistrate, Messrs. J. W. Hopkins and Hugh Fatt
the particulars of which you are already aware
of, and whose conduct you were pleased to
instruct Messrs. Freeman Esqrs County Atty
here, to enquire into. —

Speckled Trout. - Galt. -

I cannot close this report without bearing tes-
timony to the perseverance and ability of
Messrs. Brown & Coy - Proprietors of the Galt Speck-
led Trout Breeding Establishment in carrying
out the object they have in view. —

I visited the establishment as late as the
30. December last when I found 16 boxes in
the hatching trough, each box contained
about 2,000 Eggs, in all about 32,000 eggs

Even at this late stage in the season, some
of the parent fish were only just thrown spawn
out. Success will crown their efforts. —

There are about 3,000 young fish in the
nursery, the produce of last years hatching
out. — They are doing well besides growing
rapidly. —

It gives me sincere pleasure whenever I
visit the Establishment; because of the enlight-
ened views and information imparted to me ~~by me~~
by Messrs. Brown, Burnet and Allan, who are
always so ready to make known to me every
new discovery in connection with their fish,
and the establishment. —

I would fail in my position as your
Organ, if I did not bring the names of the
gentlemen favourably before your notice.

Hon. P. Mitchell,
& &

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Mr. G. Whitchee Esq. 21. December 1870.
Commr. of Fisheries

Dear Sir, We beg leave to communicate with you relative to placing a Pound net, in the Howe cut abeast of Port Rowan in the County of Norfolk, On speaking to Mr Kerr a few days ago, he stated that he thought it could be allowed by writing to you. — The Jackson we are given to understand as not rented the ground which we now wish to obtain: If you consent to us having the ground, will you have the ^{kindness} ~~goodness~~ to inform us what the rental will be per year. —

We Have &c
Nathan & W Woodward.

P.S. —

I have to inform you that late shooting has been very poor. W.W

Sir,

11. January 1870.

In reply to the letter of Nathan and W^o Woodward of Port Rowan for leave to fish a Pound net in the Howe cut abeast of P^o Rowan, in Lake Erie, referred to me to report upon. —

I have the honor to report for your information that, I am entirely opposed to such a privilege being granted to the applicants either there or elsewhere in the neighbourhood. —

I had a few moments conversation with Mr W^o and Nathan Woodward at P^o Rowan on this subject on the 16 of December last, and I have no hesitation in saying that I did not advise them in applying to Mr Whitchee on the subject. —

This Cut is the great thorough fare for fish of various kinds passing continually uncollected into and out of Lake Erie, to Long Point bay, on the west end. —

It is contrary to Sub Section 4. and 5 of Section 13. Fisheries Act, to grant such an application. —

I have still other reasons more important and they require some consideration. —

~~I have still~~. In the first place, if the application of Mr. Lot Spencer, already reported upon by me on the 22nd of December last, is granted by you, it will afford the present applicants all the fishing ground they will require. — Their Catch in addition to the Catch of the already licensed fishermen of the neighbourhood will amply supply the public with all the fish they require, at remunerative prices without continually glutting the Market, with the Catch of a Pound net which would be sure to be sold at a dead loss. —

It will be time enough to introduce a pound net into these waters when the contemplated Railways to Port Rowan and Dover are in operation and running. —

When this takes place, facilities of this nature will open up a good market, a better market for the sale of fish, than there is there at present for the surplus take. — I shall then should God spare me so long, have no ~~longer~~ hesitation in recommending that a special license be granted to fish a pound net, or even two pound nets in the neighbourhood of Long Point. —

But even at this remote day, I have no hesitation in saying, it shall be in behalf of the Long Pt Company, who

have done so much to protect, and enrich the public waters which surround their property with abundance of valuable fish. ---

The Long Point Company by their magnanimous conduct, just referred to, are more deserving of the consideration of the Department, than all other applicants. ---

Of course I have to concur with such people as the present applicants continually on fishing subjects, but nevertheless, I can never give my sanction to the present application, which I consider would be an encroachment on the rights of the Long Pt. Company. ---

This Company have done much to enhance the value of the Fisheries in those waters surrounding and adjacent to their own property. --- Besides they pay an annual rent of \$60, for which they have never yet received a receipt.

\$400 a year, would be a fair rent for fish for leave to fish a pound net, where as now where the applicants have applied.

Hon: P. Mitchell
G. A. H. H.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. A.

Sir,

14. January 1871,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th of Jan., instant, asking me to state whether I would recommend any, and what close time (season) for Salmon Trout in my division, - giving the reason on which I base my opinion. -

As my remarks therein on this subject, are very brief, I shall now give you my reasons, and on what my opinion is based, which I hope you will find satisfactory.

Mr. Mich. Doyle, Irish dealer, Toronto, who sells yearly several thousand dollars worth of fish Salmon Trout, has repeatedly stated to me that those fish are not wholesome food, when caught after the 1st day of September, as they are then full of spawn. - Mr. Doyle is in my opinion from many years experience in the trade, a good authority.

If then these fish are unwholesome food from 1st Sep., until about the 20. of October which I pronounce as the full extent of spawning time. - How much more certain I am in ascertaining that after spawning, they are unwholesome food, and not in good condition to be caught for several weeks afterwards. -

About the 1st of Sep. in each year, Salmon Trout, leave deep water and go on to the reefs, remain about there for a couple of weeks, before they commence to spawn. -

About the 15 of September I have it from experienced fishermen they commence and spawn there. -

My opinion of the scarcity of this valuable fish, in my district, Lake Ontario, now as compared with the ^{super-}abundance of former years is to be attributed to the lack of protection during the spawning time. -

The fish after spawning, return again to deep water, to feed upon berries and berries, where they are found, and first caught early the following March in prime condition. ---

On the 10th day of September last, Mr. Wm. Ward, Toronto Island, commenced to fish at Port Credit, he did not make many sets because we had ^{stormy} weather, he stopped about the 1st of November, still he caught \$400, worth of Salmon Trout. --- The fish were all caught upon the reefs, where they had come to spawn. ---

Having said so much, I shall now give you the practical advantages to be gained by establishing a proper close season for this valuable fish. --- Take for instance the rule of the Salmon Trout fishermen of Frenchman's Bay &c. already brought under your notice in my letter of the 1st day of October last, "Second Paragraph".

These fishermen make their first set for Salmon Trout, about the latter end of the month of February, lift early in March, fish on then weather permitting until the end of May. ---

They don't fish in June, but they fish all through the month of July, and although they may lift their Trout nets in August, that were set in July; they never set out a net for Salmon Trout after the 1st of August; they fish up again, before the following March. ---

What is the result? --- It was of a most profitable nature to the fishermen of the Bay, during the past year of 1870. ---

\$2,000 dollars worth of Salmon Trout, were caught by them, but not a single fish of this amount, upon the spawning reefs, during spawning time. ---

I don't include in this amount the fish caught by Mr. Allan Scott, of Colborne, caught after, there, last fall. --- after the 1st of August.

When those men commence fishing early in the season, they first set out in deep water, say from 12 to 15 miles from shore. — as the season advances the fish gradually approach the ~~the~~ reefs, or to about 5 miles of shore, where they remain until the end of May. —

But when the fishermen resume their fishing again in July, it is once more in the deep water among the reefs, and ~~thereby~~ they then find the Salmon Trout. —

Mr Whitely our Commissioner is aware that the Salmon Trout (fishing) at Frenchman's bay, Toronto & Port Credit, were a very few years ago, all but ^{completely} fished out. —

The gill nets, for catching Salmon Trout, should never be left than 6 1/2 miles extension measure. — — —

Now then that Salmon Trout are beginning to be numerous; I recommend the foregoing for your consideration. — — I hope you will establish for the entire of my division on Lake Ontario, the same laid down rule that is now and has been in existence amongst the Salmon Trout ^{local} fishermen at Pt. Whitley, Frenchman's bay, and Pt. Union, for some years past. —

It is profitable for them, it will be profitable for all. —

And instead of catching Salmon Trout at a time when nature despoils their glaucous, and they become to some extent unfit for food: Let our hardy fishermen turn their attention more to fishing for blue back herring, and besides a most delicious fish. — Lake Ontario has an inexhaustible supply and quantity of these fish therein, from one end of it to the other, and although taken at all seasons they are still in season. I mean the blue back herring. —

The liscos are in season from September, until the middle of May, provided warm weather does not set in. —

At Toronto, lisco fishing has been profitable for years — past. —

At B. beach, Herring and liscos have become this year, a profitable thing for the fishermen owing to the efforts made by me to induce and compel them to make all the gill nets for catching them 2½ miles extension measure. —

Respectfully submitted for Consideration.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
He. He. He.
Harvard

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
&c

10th January 1871.

At B. beach — Mrs. Martin paid me \$10 for her fishing ground went out at 9. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. — Miles about 20. H. & Cutler, Fred: Kerr with me. —

Thursday, 19th January 1871.

On the bay thence to Jack Coaffs, & Dr. Fitches got some smacked liscos. — visited the Spearwing fraternity, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. H. & Cutler. Miles 24.

Sunday, 22, January 1871,

On Bay having heard persons were out spearwing fish, and breaking the sabbath. — did not find a single person out. got into the water at Harveys Point, the ice was cracked, and the man went down plunged out again. J. R. Kerr with me, up to the Heights, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 3½ p.m. Miles about 16. H. & Cutler, all regular. —

October	4,	1,	26	2	50
	5,	1	10	2	50
	6,	1	84	3	75
	7,	1	8	3	00
	8	1	84	2	00
	9,	1	24	4	50
	10,	1	40	4	62
	11,	1	8	3	00
	12,	1	12	2	50
	13,	1	18	3	20
	14,	1	10	3	00
	15,	1	24	2	75
	17,	1	10,	3	00
	18,	1	26	4	75
	19,	1	64	5	60
	20,	1	64	1	45
	22,	1	30	3	00
	23	1	40	3	36
	25,	1	10	2	50
	26,	1	42	5	28
	27,	1	36	2	90
	28	2	46	9	25
	29,	1	134	1	90
		24	850	80	31

Gave to Toronto, \$1.30

" to Hamilton, 1.30

" to Toronto & Nets, - 3.30

" to Hamilton, 1.30

It's time & measure 0 313.55

miles 8500 at a cost of \$80.31 or not quite 10¢ a mile, or about 3.35 per day all around

18. January 1871. -

John W. Kern
J. O.

Nov: 1st	1	14	1	50		
3,	1,	20	2	50		
4,	1	10	2	50		
5,	1	90	2	65	Pass to Toronto	1.30
6	1	10	2	65		
7	1	30	3	25		
8	1	36	6	25		
9,	1	8	2	50		
10.	1	49	2	25	" Hamilton.	1.30
11	1	26	3	00		
14	1	62	75		" St. Louis,	2.45
15	1	31	2	50	" Niagara,	1.40
16,	1	62	1	25	" Hamilton. -	2.45
17	1	38	2	30	" Toronto. -	1.00
18	1	80	4	25	" St. Catharines	1.80
21.	1	12	2	50		
24	1	12	1	50		
25	1	20	2	75		
28	1	20	3	80		
29	1	14	2	50		
30	1	14	2	50		
	21	658	55	65	Mile 658 at \$55.65.4 or about 8 1/2 per mile or \$ 2.65, per day. -	

18. January 1871. -

John W. Kent
J. O.

Dec:	Days	miles	Cost,
344,	2	40	5 00
7	1	36	2 50
8	1	16	2 50
9	1	26	2 50
10	1	12	2 50
12	1	10	3 00
13	1	8	2 50
14	1	99	3 40
15	1	24	7 00
16	1	27	2 75
17	1	22	6 00
18	1	—	1 75
19	1	—	1 75
20	1	40	8 50
21	1	77	2 10
23	1	26	3 00
26	1	30	3 00
29	1	12	3 35
30	1	68	2 75
31	1	24	2 59
24.	597.	68	44

Boat to London 2.40

" St. Catherine 1.00

" Galt 2.10

597 miles at \$68.44 or
11^{1/2} per mile or \$3.26 per
day. —

Mills —

1.	Ric Snow, Whitley, Lyons creek,	\$ 20.00.
2.	Ad. Bowhall, do, do	15.00.
3.	Wm Hartwick, Duffins creek,	30.00.
4.	John Head, Rouge	18.00.
5.	Joseph Moore, Stylans creek,	15.00.
6.	Wm Gray, Toronto,	52.55.
7.	W. H. Forey, B. Beach,	20.00.
8.	Thomas McDonough, Galt,	20.00.
9.	Chris & base, B. Beights,	10.00.
10.	Peter Price, St. Williams,	60.00.
11.	Duncan Stewart Ho, Hamilton,	2.00.
12.	G. E. Ritchie, P. M. Hamilton	4.25.
13.	Fred & Kerr, Barton	20.00.
14.	John W. Kerr, do	5.00.
15.	John W. Kerr, do	7.00.
Total		\$ 298.80

- Miles, 850. - Add diary of October. — \$ 80.31.
 658. - " diary for November. — 55.65, " 204.40
 597. - " diary for December. — 68.44.
 2105 Miles travelled, amount 204.40. or Total — \$ 503.20
 or 9 1/2¢ per mile for quarters. —

186. January 1871. John W. Kerr
H. O.

Sir, 9, February 1871.
 I send you herewith the Railway Amount
 of fees for \$27.95¢ as alluded to in your memo-
 randum. — If you deem fit under the
 circumstances, you can please allow it
 to me. Please bring the matter under the
 Whitcher's notice. —

I am Sir
 Your Obedt servant
 J. P. Bauset Esq
 H. Dept
 Ottawa,
 John W. Kerr
 H. O.

lit.

18. ~~January~~ 1871,

I have the honor to send you herewith my diary for quarter ending 31, day of December 1870. - It appears that I travelled 2105 miles, at a cost of \$204.40 or $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ per mile including everything. - -

I happened to have a free half over the
G. W. Ry. during this quarter, and I used it on
fourteen different days, as marked in the diary
herewith thus X. . . .

The amount saved to the department
by their free help, is just \$27,954. -

I have in obedience to the extract, given a report of the Privy Council dated 21, Dec: 1869, approved of at the time by the Governor General. — given the department the benefit of the 27, 95, and have ^{in obedience to order} gone in for actual expenses paid out for hotel bills, telegrams, and other travelling expenses. —

My former expense under the per
dium order in Council of \$2.50^{per} week was not
always a paying concern to me, ^{which} the present
arrangement will not fail to be otherwise.
I shall ~~however~~ ^{periodical} buy a ~~paper~~ ^{paper} or get a
complimentary free paper. - As in either case it
will facilitate my active operations. -

You will please find herewith
an abstract of the ^{other} accounts for quarters ^{amounting to \$298.80}, ~~and~~ ^{this in-}
~~cludes~~ ^{and} 8 guardians which with the sanction of
the department have been actively employed
last fall protecting the Salmon. -- With
the exception of Mr. Martineau, these expenses
will not occur ^{again} before next fall. ~~again~~ --

The expenses concurrent with the protection of ^{the 8th Division at Galt and} B. Bay, ~~is~~ ^{is} a matter that cannot be got rid of. — And the other expenses are indispensable. —

I return Mr P: Gray's offt again by
your order together with a ^{called for} receipt of the

amount paid Charles Munroe - Provincial Land
Surveyor, - which with board fees amounts to
\$52.55 - ~~10~~

The plan of the Survey was sent to the
Department, ~~at the~~ immediately after it was ex-
cuted. - H.

I Have &c.

Hon: P. Mitchell, John W. Kerr
&c. &c. &c. - R. O.

X: The total amount as per abstract is just
\$503.20 -

Dear Sir. -

Monctonville,

January 8th 1871. -

I wish to lease the fishing station No. 1,
Turkey point, My dwelling house is on the station, I am
a widower, and it would be a great help to me by
getting the station. - I would like to know whether
I could get it immediately, as the water is now open. -

You must know how I am situated in regard
to the station heretofore through S. McFarland M. B. B.

I am prepared to pay the amount required for
the rent of the station at any time required. -

You will please to address a reply to
the Monctonville Post office. - County of York,
Onto.

W. E. Whitaker Esq

C. M.

Ottawa. -

Wm. alpha Fisher

Read, Copied and Reported upon
this 26 Jan'y 1871.

W. E.
R. O.

Sir,

26, January 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that the fishing ground applied for by Mr Alpha Harris, a Widow, at Turkey Point Lake Erie, has been occupied by Mr W. S. Snook, for several years past, and when I visited Turkey Point on the 17. December last, Mr Snook applied for a renewal of his license of the same fishing ground, for the current year of 1871. —

In my letter to you of the 15th day of April 1870, in reply to Mr McCall's letter to you, regarding this same Widow, fishing station &c. &c., I gave you a most lengthy history of this said fishing station. —

And I have now the honor to report that nothing has since happened to induce me to change my mind. —

I have even offered her last season fishing station No. 3, Turkey Point, where 4300 (worth) of fish were caught this last season, but she refused to take it.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Mon. Peter Mitchell
& & &

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19. instant, with money order for \$25. —

I shall send lease as soon as I get my supply from Ottawa for the current year. —

Fish away as usual until you get it, or see me. —

Yrs &c
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Mr Chester A. Harris,
J^{rs} Erie.

26. January 1871.

Mr Peter North, Esq Dalhousie,

My dear Sir,

I received your letter containing #9. -
#5. of which was for rent of your fishing, and #4,
was to purchase Corks for you. -

Altho' I have made repeated enquiries, I have
not been able to get you any as yet. - Whenever I
do, I shall not delay in sending them to you, as
you direct. - Remember, that the Salmon Trout
gill nets, can be fished under ($6\frac{1}{2}$) six and one
half inches extension measure. I send you Copies
of Regulations for year 1871. Post at Esq Dalhousie, and
No: 2, Dock.

Yrs, &c.
John A. Kerr
D.O.

Hamilton, Ont.

26. January 1871. -

My dear Sir. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the
16th instant, with respect to charging each person
according to the number of pounds of thread he
fishes. - I have tried the plan and it fail-
ed. -

Wm Martine Esq
Duffin Creek,

Yrs Sincerely
John A. Kerr
D.O.

26. January 1871.

Peter Price - St. Williams, -

My dear Sir. - I have received your letter of the 13th instant. - I am not aware of any license being issued in your neighbourhood this season yet. I suppose shall be issued until after the money is first paid, and the application approved of. -

Whatever the department at Ottawa do, you, nor I, have no right to find fault. - Your business is simply to protect the fisheries, and prevent illegal fishing. - -

You may tell John Jackson, and his son Robert, they will have to pay up \$6. on their note of last year. - - And the rent of this year in advance before they can commence fishing again. - -

Go round and take down the names of those men spearing in the job house or second bay or any other part of Long point bay. Send them to me immediately. -

You will keep entered in a small memorandum book, an accurate daily account of all those days you may from time to time be engaged on active duty, the number of hours so employed, the miles travelled, and what the description of duty is you perform. -

You may tell those persons who are so anxious about the Canal, that you can't tell them anything about it. -

I will not allow Wells to sell the fishing he occupied last year to Joe Jackson. Mr Wells may sell his net, but he has no power to dispose of the fishing ground. -

Peter Price,
St. Williams

J. S. H.
John W. Kerr
J. S.

26. January 1871. -

Private, Don't tell this to Bill Law,

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th, instant, in reference to Messrs Schreive and Baumister, which shall be noted for hereafter decision. ---

Messrs Wm Law and John Law, sent me a petition addressed to the Commissioners of Crown Lands, praying for lease the fisheries for years. --- I have nothing whatever to do with the Commissioners of Crown Lands. --- The petition remains in consequence still in my possession. --- John Law, was still last years rent. --- The person is entitled to renewal of lease until he just pays up. --- As regards Tom Corbett let him rip! --- The fishery department at Ottawa know more about the fisheries of Lake Erie, from P^t 3 Stanley to Fort Erie through me, than Mr Peter Lawson your worthy member, and withal a respectable man, or Tom Corbett for can tell them. --- No change of any kind is ever made except by my sanction, as the District Officer. ---

Of course you will not publish this letter all over Port Dover, nor through the township of Woodhouse. Keep it in your belly below, like the Bullocks of Nassau town. --- When Tom Corbett's petition arrives at Ottawa, the department there, who already know him, will judge the reasons why! and wherefore. ---

When you have any money to spare, please send it along. ---

Y^{rs} &c,
John W. Kerr
D.O.

In Pat^l Lawe.
P^t 3 Dover.

26. January 1871.

30. January 1871.

At Browns Wharf, in front of Jas. C. Johnson, and at the Heights, B. Bay, George Bent paid me 2^d license 1st for 1870, & 71. and one dollar for 1868. --- C. Malachuk paid me #1. for 1870, Dr. Hodge, promised to pay. --- Joe McConnell was promised for. --- Thos. Birch and Alfred Dufey were fishing, and promised to pay. went out at 9. am came in at 5¹/₂ p.m. miles about 20. At latter 2.50 toll 5. dinner 25. ---

Sir,

30, January 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith my Annual Statement of fines and forfeitures for the year ending 31. day of December 1870. —

The total amount of persons fined for breaking the fishing act, was twenty seven. —

Mr. Allan Scott, nor Benjamin Lorie, in one case respectively were not fined. I Mr. Scott's nets, altho seized by me were returned to him again. — Mr. Lorie's nets &c, I still hold subject to your order and instructions. — — —

Charles Coleman and W. John Smith, whom I caught out on Toronto Bay, ^{sundays} 10. April last, shooting wild ducks, were fined \$5. each. —

I find it a salutary lesson to let the fine remain in abeyance, for future good behavior. —

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon. Peter Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

10th, February 1871,

I have the honor to apply to you for one hundred blank licenses for this current year of 1871. — If the weather moderates I shall commence issuing the licenses about the 20th of this month, provided I shall have received them. —

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon. G. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

Sir, —

13. February 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith the copy of a notice to quit, served upon Mr Thomas Elliott, a licensed fisherman in the river, at Niagara. —

It appears that premises now sought to be got possession of by Mr Thomas Bank is the beach or bank of the river in front of the fishery occupied by Mr Thomas Elliott for about 28 years. —

It is situated on the beach and bank of the river between Lockhart Street, which runs in front of Mr Elliott's house back and up the said river to the wharf at the Railway Station. — — —

I understood about 4 years ago, from Col. Coffin, Ordnance Land Department, that there was a chain reserve all along the Niagara River, for a public highway, which happens to be the case in this instance. — —

A street or Road allowance is situated between Mr Elliott's premises and the water edge of the River and on the greater part of which, I believe the Railway at this part of Niagara town, was originally built. — —

This small strip of land situated between the Railroad, and the River, used by Mr Elliott, for so many years &c. &c, for his reel, boat &c. when fishing, is the same strip of land, that Mr ^{late} Thompson, Vice President of this Railway attempted to get control of and hold of, ~~as~~ ^{some} years ago, by leasing this fishery. — Please refer to my report of the 16th of June, 1866. — and is what Mr E. Bank now in a different way attempts to get possession of. — —

Mr Bank has on several occasions attempted to lease this fishery from me, himself. —

To give you the particulars within my recollection without just going down to Niagara for this purpose. - I may here state that there is at Niagara what is called the Dock property. -

This property after passing through several private hands, instance the late Sam^l Guinness, &c. &c., ultimately passed over to the Bank of Upper Canada. - The Bank of Upper Canada, burst up a few years ago. The late proprietors, with the Consent of the Government, the Government have a lien on the bank and property, - have through their agent, Mr Smith, at Toronto, been selling away all the property belonging thereto. - And as some people are also pleased to say property that does not belong to them. -

It is expected that a Canal will be constructed into Niagara within a few years. - Mr Bank, I presume has in consequence purchased from Mr Smith, all this strip of beach and River frontage as a speculation. - - -

It is astonishing to me how desirous Speculators are to make inroads on our Fisheries, and Fishermen's rights. - - -

I hope you will be pleased to take this case at once into your Consideration and instruct me, so that I may advise Mr Thomas Elliott, Mr James Cantwell, and Mr Thomas Ellis, fishermen concerned, the course they should pursue. -

I Have &c

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell
&c. &c. &c.

John H. Kent
P.O.

Copy, Niagara,
 Thomas Elliott, / February 9. 1871. -
 To Wm. /

I hereby give you Notice to quit, and deliver up to me as my agent on or before the 9th day of March next ensuing, the peaceable and quiet possession of the premises you now occupy on my property with the appurtenances thereto belonging, situated between Lockhart street and the River, in the Town of Niagara, and County of Lincoln, and Province of Ontario.

Dated this 9th day of February 1871. -
 Thomas Bink.

Port Royal,
 Febry 15. 1871. -
 J. W. Kerr Esq
 Hamilton, Ontario.
 My dear Sir -

I have not heard from you since I saw at Port Rowan, and am anxious to hear from you, and to know how our lease is coming on. - We have been preparing for fishing and have been to a considerable expense it being an open Winter and fishing is likely to commence very early, and we do not want to proceed any further until we hear from you. You will please answer immediately, as we are all very anxious to hear, -

P. S.

Addeps -

Lot Spencer, -

Port Royal,

Onto...

I Have &c,

Lot Spencer

Sir,

20 Feb. 1871.

I have the honor to send you a letter I received from Mr. Dot Spencer of Port Royal, in the County of Norfolk, with reference to an application made by him and others, to lease the fisheries in Big Creek, Big Marsh, in and forming a portion of Long Point bay. ---

I sent forward my report on his previous application on the 22^d of December last, together with \$20, a year's rent for 1871, - when I recommended the license to be granted.

I beg most respectfully to recommend that you at once empower me to grant the license now sought for, by Mr. Dot Spencer &c. -

Hon: R. Mitchell,
Hc. Hc. Hc.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. A.

Monday, 13. Feb. 1871. -

At B. Bay, the Heights, Brown wharf, North Shore. -
George McConnell paid me \$1, license - for spearing in Bay.
Dick Joice complained of Fred Corey spearing on Sunday. George McConnell who acknowledged he was there fishing himself, saw the Horse & Cutter, tied to the fish house. - the spear hauled up through the house - Bobby Joice - saw Fred also. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. - miles 24. 144 bluffs - 2.50.
dinner 50. - tolls 124

Tuesday 14. Feb 1871.

At B. Bay, and beach - gave John Dyne license to spear. - bought 50¢ worth of traps from Fletcher. - saw Fred Corey, he denied everything about the spearing on previous Sunday. - I did not however believe him. -

Saw George McConnell and Geo. Bent on the subject, who reiterated former report. -

(George said he saw Caleb Fonges there and that he acknowledged he broke the ice in his fish house. - Fred also said he saw Bobby Joice, there, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles 30

George Williams complained that some person was at his box, and Fletcher said his box was broken open. -
 stopped in Corey for dinner and to feed. -
 Went out as aforesaid and returned. -
 H & Sleep ^{\$ 4} 2.50. dinner ^{\$ 4} 50 - toll ^{\$ 4} 5. - Horse feed ^{\$ 4} 20

George Williams -
 J^d ^{\$} Jones } paid \$ 1. each, -
 Caleb Jones } in all 3. dollars. -

* Sunday, 19, February 1871. -

At B. bay, and B. beach - called to enquire for
 Dan: McQuyns hand - McQuyns, Goulds and
 Geo: Hall got up their bisca gill nets on Friday
 all safe, but dirty and full of weeds. -

Saw Dick & Bobby Jones, Fred & Corey
 took the spear away with him when he left
 the House. - went out at 12, noon home at
 5, p. m. - H & Sleep - miles about 24. -
 No person out fishing to-day. - - -

Sherriff's office, St. Thomas,
Ontario, 20. Feb; 1871.

Hon: P. Mitchell,
Min: of Marine &c,
Ottawa. —

Sir, I wish to ascertain the fishing laws or regulations affecting the shore of Lake Erie, and to make myself intelligible to the department. — I will at once state that I have land on said shore opposite to which a beach is formed owing to the construction of piers, or harbours. — My dead Covey to the water edge. —

Your department rents the fishing grounds, and they the fishermen use my beach, and refuse to pay me any rent. — I simply wish to know if your leases in such cases authorise them to use the beach, or are they permitted to do so, by order in Council or by any public act, an answer will greatly oblige —

Yours truly
Colin Macdonald

Sir,

28. Feb. 1871.

I have the honor to receive from you the letter of Mr Sheriff Colin Munro, of St. Thomas, dated 20 February instant, for my report thereon. —

Although the Sheriff does not say, at what place on the shore of Lake Erie, the property he alludes to, is situated, he evidently means Port Bruce, there being no fishing at St. Thomas, which is an inland town. —

This is the first time I ever heard of Sheriff Munro, claiming rent from the fishermen for occupying his beach at Pt. Bruce. —

By referring to the enclosed copy of my report, on this very same subject, made to you on the 12th day of June last, when I first took charge of the Fisheries alluded to ("by your order") you will please find the exact position of the aforesaid property of the Sheriff, which he now calls your attention to. —

If the department is not legally entitled to use the public beach (or my beach, as the Sheriff calls it) of our Lakes, through their licensed fishermen, and situated as the beach at Pt. Bruce is, without being called upon to pay rent, I hope you will be pleased to pass a law during the present sitting of the House, to this effect. —

The department should have the power to do so, because our fishermen, are subject to annoyances just now, from property owners, or assumed owners, at Pt. Stanley, Pt. Bruce, Niagara (and Wyndora (Lake Ontario) as my report recently on such subject, will have already put you in possession of.

The Sheriff tells you now, the same as I did in the ~~middle~~ month of June last, what caused the formation of the beach at Pt. Bruce. —

This beach, a public ~~public~~ Common, has never yet been enclosed from the public roads, streets, and highways, and is therefore common property to all.

Hon. P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

I have &c
John W. Kerr
27. 2.

* Sunday, 5. March 1871.

At B. bay. Found three young men had been out fishing in a house on the ice. They went away upon my approaching the house, leaving a speck and 4 herring therein. Went out at 9. a.m., came in at 4. p.m. Miles about 20. H & Buggy. —

* Monday 6. March 1871.

At Pt. Dove and Woodhouse, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 9. p.m. miles about 46. H & Buggy \$1.85, Stage #2. dinner 40¢, Refreshment 50¢, tea 25¢. —

* Tuesday 7. March 1871. —

At Charley Brown, Victoria, St. Williams and Pt. Roman, and back to St. Williams — Stage \$1.50. bed 25¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner 40¢, H & Buggy 1.50 — tea for two 50¢, miles about 26, — went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. —

Wednesday 8. March 1871.

* At St. Williams, Turkey Pt., Victoria, and Woodhouse. H & Buggy \$2.50. bed 25¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner 40¢ for two 75¢, tea 25¢, miles about 20. — went out at 7. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. —

Thursday 9. March 1871. —

* At Charley Brown — Woodhouse. — Pt. Dove, Caledonia, and home, went out at 6. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. — Stage #2, bed 25¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner 40¢, miles 46. —

* Friday 10. March 1871.

At Hamilton, ^{to} get my cheque cashed, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. — miles 8. H & Buggy \$1.50. Telegram 25¢, postage 9¢.

* Saturday 11. March 1871.

At Jatt, about speckled St. George by MacRae, agh Chief Con; saw the Mayor on the subject of the persons an opportunity to show they came lawfully by them — went out at 8. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. — miles 70. — H & Buggy 1.50. Pt. Dove 2.20. — dinner 50¢. —

13. March 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information, that on my appeal to the Bench of the Queen's Bench, Toronto, against a fine of \$10, & costs, inflicted on me upon the complaint of Benjamin Joyce,

For that I the said John W. Kerr, did fish, for, and catch fish, and grapple for net, with a boat, on said first day of May, being Sabbath, or Lord's day. —

The fine was imposed by John Wesley Hopkin Esq^r J. P., a Local Magistrate, Resident at Sault Ste. Marie, in the County of Algoma, as already reported to you by me, on the 14th day of May, last year. —

And now, I have the honor to report, that the Conviction was quashed absolute. — So much for the Local Magistrate's stretch of power in a wrong direction.

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell
H. H. H.

I Have &c.,
John W. Kerr
J. W. K.

Sir,

13. March 1871. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 1st of March, instant, stating that a letter has been transmitted to you by James Young Esq^r M. P. from certain parties in the Township of Windham, and County of Norfolk, complaining of the want of fishways on the mill dams in Big Creek, emptying into Lake Erie, at Port Royal. — The writer complains that there are ~~some~~ some seven or eight dams thus unprovided with fish ways, thereby preventing the fish from ascending the stream. — Also that great injury is done by saw dust, and mill rubbish falling from the mills.

In reply I have the honor to report for your information, that Big Creek is, for large pickled, the best stream in the Province of Ontario. — About \$1100, dollars worth of this kind of fish were caught there the latter end of March, and the beginning of April last year, with gill nets, spears and dip nets, principally the latter. —

My Annual report dated 1st of January 1871, to which I beg to refer you will prove this. —

I have on several occasions addressed you, respecting the great quantities of pickled that frequent this stream every spring to spawn during which men (a single man) have been known to spear as high as 1500 fish in a few nights, and several persons last season speared as many fish in one night, as sold for from \$9 to \$12 dollars. —

I believe I know something about Big C^k and I am very much pleased to find that the people of Windham have at last taken an interest in the pickled of Big Creek. —

When the roads are in a fit state for travel I shall traverse the Big Creek, as far as practicable I don't think however, when I do so, I shall find as many mill dams as are represented. —

The first thing in the shape of a dam is at Buckertown, fish can ascend it. — This place is about 9 miles in a direct line from ^{the} ~~the~~

Royal, and about 30 miles by the creek. —
 The first genuine Mill dam, is at Syn-
 dock, and this is about 19 miles in a direct line
 from Pt Royal. — The main creek, runs to
 Fredericksburg, and this is about 24 miles in a
 direct line from Pt Royal. — At Fredericksburg,
 the stream, two branches join, and form the
 main or big Creek. —

Please send me the letter of those
 persons in Windham, that I may know whom
 to call upon. — The Grand River dam, shall
 also receive my attention in due time. —

I have agreed to rent the Fisheries of Big
 Creek, from Pt Royal, to the Big Cut, Long Point
 Lake Erie, this year, to Messrs. J. B. Spangler & Co
 say in all about about 30 persons, at the
 nominal sum of One dollar for each person,
 who may spear, or fish a dip net. and a
 trifle more for a small Seine, and gill net. —

For people I shall not charge anything. —
 This arrangement I am sure will give general
 satisfaction. It is submitted for your ap-
 proval and sanction. —

Hon: P. Mitchell
 V. V. V.

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 P. A.

Sir,

13. March 1871. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 1stst of March instant, together with the copy of a letter received by a M. P. P. from one of his constituents fishing at Tisbury Pt complaining as follows: -
That the people of the localities are prevented

That the people of the locality, are prevented from taking the coarse kinds of fish, such as pike, bass, and sunfish, which resort to the lake shores, early in the Spring without having first obtained and paid for fishing license to such effect, &c, &c. &c.

In reply to this allegation made by the writer, Mr Maurice Smith, of Vittoria, (and who is not fishing at Turkey point) to his brother-in-law Mr Walsh, the M. P. for North Norfolk. - I have the honor to report without fear of contradiction;

That there is not a word of truth in the above statement. - I think it wrong for Mr. Smith to draw upon his imagination, and jump at the hasty conclusions set forth in his letter to Mr. Walsh. -

Spearing by day, and night, and angling in proper season, has been successfully carried on in the various ponds, and streams, ^{that} meander ~~ing~~ through Turkey point marsh, ever since I was appointed Overseer of the locality up to the present time, both by rich and poor, for their own use, and I have never prevented them nor never intended doing so. — I submitted the matter, and conversed with Mr. Whitaker, from whom I received my instructions to this effect. —

I distinctly understood the Regulation of the
23rd of August 1870. — I promulgated the notice so
that the public might enquire of me, and un-
derstand the Regulation. —

On receipt of your letter, I proceeded
on last Monday to St. Roman, thence to Sinker Pt
and ascertained from Mr. Smith, a licensed fisher-
man, at the point, that the day before Mr
Marcell Smith, had informed him that he had

written Mr Walsh, and had received a letter from the department, stating that I had instructions to come up and make things all right. —

I subsequently called at Mr Smith's residence on the afternoon of Wednesday last, but not finding him in — I met him at Browns & Woodhouse, on his way home from the Town of Birnie, where I explained matters to him, and he put me in possession of all he had done himself, and of your answering his letter, and contents, and of his own kindly feelings towards me personally. —

Had Mr Smith applied to me, just, instead of to you, about this imaginary grievance, I should have at once alleviated his fears. —

Before I was made aware that Mr Maurice Smith was the writer of the misfile, I spoke to our fishermen, "who have no grievance regarding their duty to the Govt at the coming election." —

The whole thing appears, as you will perceive a misunderstanding on the part of Mr Smith — who is aware Lenkey Pt. Marsh is free to all. —

For when I arrived at St. Williams and Lenkey Pt, and was asked the question I had simply to say, to persons ^{who} fishing at Lenkey Pt, in the manner Mr Smith described it, fish away, until I tell you to stop &c. &c.

My Notice only referred to nets, and long and long set line, used by licensed fishermen in the outside waters, whether the fishermen Mr Smith, describes, never resort. —

Mr Smith, and myself are personally good friends, and if anything hereafter, having even the colour of a grievance should present itself to him, I have invited him to write me instead of troubling the

Minister. -

I hope the courses have pursued in this case, will meet your approval. -

I Have &c,

Hon P. Mitchell,
Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr
D. A.

Sir,

13. March 1871,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr H. A. Smith's letter to you for leave to fish a Pound net at Pond Lea Harbour Lake Erie with your instruction to report thereon. -

I have in reply to report that I deem it advisable before doing this, that I should just go on the ground, and meet Mr Smith there. - There ascertain the particular place he applies for. - After doing this I will be able to advise you, whether it is advisable or not to grant the license. -

I can run up by the G. W. Ry to Chatham and thence to Buckhorn by stage

I shall communicate with Mr Smith so that he may be on hand when I arrive there,

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
D. A.

Hon. P. Mitchell,
Y. Y. Y.

My dear Sir

I send you license by mail today, I have taken upon myself the responsibility of doing so, - You will please see that every thing is carried out according to law. - No fishing of any kind will be allowed on Sunday. -

No trap nets will be permitted, and the close time must be strictly observed. -

Please acknowledge receipt, send me all the names, Collect a dollar from each, and keep an apt of all fish caught.

Lot Spencer
St. Royal

Yours truly
John W. Wells

x 13. March 1871.

x Wrote S. P. Banset a long private letter to-day.

* Monday. 13. March 1871.

At the Heights, and B. bay, and B. beach heard that John Bates was out fishing pike net in bay - dinner for self & boy 55¢, toll 13¢, H&A buggy 2.50 - miles 30.

Tuesday. 14 March 1871.

* At Toronto, receiving license money, and issuing the same. - went down to Leslieville Island - John Mollan paid 15¢, James Canuthy 10¢, W. Hunter 6¢, Sen. Marsh 5¢, John Gensell 5¢ -

Gave Mr. Gensell his license for self as well as for the Company. - Went out at 8, a.m. came in at 8, p.m. - Mile about 100 - H&A buggy 1.50, Railway 1.30, dinner 35¢, Tea 30¢, bed 25¢ - Toll 5¢ Refreshments 50¢

Tuesday 15. March 1871.

At Toronto, and home - Sent two salmon $\frac{1}{2}$ to S. B.
Bancroft paid charges 40 - Railway fare 1.30. breakfast
30¢ dinner 40¢ Refreshments 50¢, . -

went out 12. noon. came in at 6. p.m. Miles
about 56. -

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter containing
five dollars for fishing license of that part of Niagara
River, situated between the lower ferry and Black
Creek. -

Will fetch down your license shortly to
H. B. - In the mean time you have my permis-
sion to fish. -

Yrs &c.

Schubert

J. O.

16. March 1871.

H. W. Nettle Lake
H. B.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter. -
You will continue to exercise the same position
in the fisheries at Dunville and Halden as
that you held there ~~jointly~~ last year with Mr
Logan. - And you are authorised to collect
from each person the usual annual fee, for
fishing, as I hold you and Mr Logan, res-
ponsible for all. -

This will give you full authority to fish
&c. until I have you the license which will be
shortly.

Yrs &c.

Schubert

J. O.

16. March 1871.

Mr. Green,
Dunville.

Thursday, 16, March 1871.

On B. bay, took down my small boat, found four pieces of net (pike) set in bay, went out at 8. am came in at 7 1/2 p.m. - miles about 30. Team, boat, Team 3. Boat men 2. ~~th~~
see my report. -

Sir,

20, March 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday last, I seized in B. bay, about 200 yards of pike gill net, illegally set therein by some person or persons unknown. -

One of the nets had six pike gilled therein. - The other three pieces had no fish therein, having been evidently overhauled and fished out before I came across them. -

Hon: P. Mitchell,
Jr. J. J. J.

I Have &c,
John W. Kent
D. O.

Sir,

20. March 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that the only fish weirs built on dams in my district, since my appointment was, one in the dam at Denville, in the Lyd River, built by the Government, under the superintendence of Mr Woodruff, Engineer of the Welland Canal, and Resident of St. Catharines.

And the fishway at Galt, also in the Lyd River, built by James Blaine Esq^r (in the dam) Mill Owner. — The fishery department paid Mr Blaine their proportion for the constructing of the same. —

There are no fishways in progress at present. —

Hon: P. Mitchell, I Have &c.
 &c. &c. &c. John W. Kent
 J. W.

* Wednesday 22. March 1871.

At Toronto, and P. Whitley, gave George White, David Bowhall, and W. W. Sparks, and John Pilkington licence License, went out at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. came in at 9 p.m. Mile about 75, Baggy 1.50, Railway fare 2.30, dinner 35¢, tea 25, bed 25¢ White 5, Bowhall 40¢, Pilkington 3. Tolls 5¢.

* Thursday, 23. March 1871,

At Whitley, Duffin Creek, Frenchman Bay, Port Union, and Toronto. — gave out license as follows John Fisher 10. John Birrell 10, James Kilty 6, Saml. March 5, and Martin Gardner 10, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m. mile about 36. Baggy 2.50, Ry fare 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. — Breakfast, dinner tea, and bed 1. Tolls 10, John Head dinner 5¢

Sir,

20. March 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 11th instant, I proceeded to Galt, in consequence of a communication I received from Mr Thomas McDonagh, Chief of Police — That he had seized a quantity of "Speckled Trout, recently Caught."

The Trout were exposed for sale by Messrs Lilley, and Githensons, Grocers at Galt. — Upon enquiry — they informed me they bought the fish from Mr Hugh Walker of Guelph. —

Mr James C. Gordon of Montreal is the person from whom Mr Hugh Walker has received them. — Mr James C. Gordon on shipping the Speckled Trout, sent therewith a Certificate addressed to the Fishery Overseer, a copy of which I now send you. — I adjourned the case in order that I might communicate with you on the subject. —

According to Sec. 8. of the Fisheries Act the law says: — "Provided always that as affecting the waters of the Province of Ontario, such prohibition shall apply only to the kind known as Speckled Trout."

And by Regulation dated 9. April 1869, — issued 10. April 1869. — No person shall fish for, catch or kill Speckled (or brook) Trout, between the 30. Sep^r in each year, and the first day of May, in each succeeding year, in the Province of Ontario. — —

It is presumed then, that leave is given to Catch Speckled Trout in the Province of Quebec, if so, please advise me. —

Also please inform me, who this Mr James C. Gordon is, who addresses himself to

The Fishery Gauleys of the neighbourhood of
 Guelph. - The Constable on my recommendation
 restored the trout, to Lilly and the seniors, as I
 considered that perhaps Mr James C. Gordon, had
 some authority from you for issuing such Cer-
 tificates. - Also that perhaps leave is given
 to catch the speckled trout in the Province of
 Quebec, and to dispose of them in the Province
 of Ontario. - -

I have given the parties charged an
 opportunity of proving where they got them, while
 at the same time, I shall altogether be guided
 by your instructions to me in the case. -

Hon. P. Mitchell
 & H. &

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 J. W.

Copy of Certificate.

* Friday. 24 March 1871.

At Toronto, and Hamilton, went out 7. a. m.
 came in at 12. a. m. Mile 44, Railway 1.30.
 breakfast & dinner 50¢,

* Saturday 25. March 1871. -

At B. bay, and beach took down my large
 boat, went out at 12^h noon came in at 9. p. m.
 Mile 24. - Team 2^h. Boat, Refreshment 25¢,
 Telegraph 25¢ -

Sir,

25, March 1871.

I have the honor to send you cheque No. 851, for the sum of Fifteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for the past year of 1870. —

1. James Crockett, Turkey Point year 1870.	\$ 5.00.
2. James Ferris, do, — — — —	3.00.
3. David Street, — do: Second Bay, —	3.00.
4. Messrs Glover & Co., Pt Rowan, — — — —	3.00
5. Wm. Holmes, Winter Creek — — — —	1.00

Total \$ 15.00

Wm. J. Mitchell
do do do

I Have &c,
John W. Ross
D. O.

My dear Sir. —

27, March 1871.

Yours of the 17th instant, is received. — The Island Creek was set apart last fall for the natural propagation of Salmon. — This proclamation prevents every person fishing therein, except! by permission from a fishing officer — vide — Section 15 of the Act. —

However, I think I may safely grant you the permission you ask, knowing as I have reason to believe that you will not allow this permission to be abused. —

Remember however that this permission will be only during the mullot and snake season. —

Each permission to pay you for me 50¢ who may take advantage of the permission granted through your instrumentality. —

You will please keep any money you may get in this way for me until I call for it. — And an apt of all the snakes, and mullots that may be caught. —

Wm. J. Mitchell Esq
Island Creek,

Yrs, respectfully
John W. Ross D. O.

P.S. — This nominal charge is, for to protect the parties from prosecution.
John W. Ross

For 1867. —

Names of Licenses.	Locality of Fishing Station.	Amount of License fees.	Whether paid or not.	To whom paid.
John Jackson	Turkey point, on apt	5.00	paid,	22 July 1867,
Geo. H. Gillespie.	Long point,	45.00	"	do,
Edwin Tenn.	Long point,	5.00	"	do.
Ed. Crockett,	Turkey point.	5.00	"	26. July 1867
John Jackson,	Turkey point, in full,	5.00	"	28. Aug. —
John Law	Woodhouse on apt	1.50	"	15. Nov. —
Thos. Corbett.	Woodhouse,	5.00	"	3. Dec. —
W. Law & Son,	Woodhouse,	5.00	"	do,
John Law,	Woodhouse, in full,	2.50	"	do,
Chas. Schreiner & Co	Woodhouse,	5.00	"	do.
Wm. Parrott & Co.	Woodhouse	5.00	"	do.
		Total, \$89.00		
I believe correct.				

do me in the first place, and by me to the Department on the

For 1868. —

John Jackson	Turkey point,	5.00	paid,	18. May 1868
Wm. Snook.	Turkey point on apt	2.50	"	4. Jan. 1869
Helen Montrose	Fishers Creek,	5.00	"	"
Val. C. Ward,	Woodhouse.	— .50	"	"
Wm. Yarnes,	Woodhouse.	— .50	"	"
Pat Sayre & Co.	Port Ryerse,	5.00	"	"
Wm. Chas. Holmes,	Winter Creek.	5.00	"	"
Wm. Snook	Turkey pt in full,	2.50	"	"
Chas. Schreiner & Co	Woodhouse.	5.00	"	"
John Anderson,	Port Rowan.	5.00	"	"
		Total, \$36.00		
I believe this amount is correct.				

do me in the first place and by me to the Dept on the

1869. -

The Long Pt Coy	Long point	60.00	paid	17. May 1869.
Wm Brandell,	do. for 1868 & 9	12.00	"	5. May. ---
Isaac Foster & Son,	Long point,	6.00	"	18. May. ---
Wm Snook,	Y. Point, on apt	14.00	"	26. June ---
John Law,	Woodhouse for 1868,	5.00	"	18. Dec ---
Wm Snook, -	Y. point, in full	14.00	"	"
John Jackson & Son, -	Y. point,	10.00	"	"
Gas. Montrose, -	Fisher Creek	2.00	"	"
Pat Layhe,	Port Pyresee,	4.00	"	"
Wm Law, -	Woodhouse,	5.00	"	"
Chas. Schreive & Co,	Woodhouse,	5.00	"	"

\$137.00

I believe this amount is correct.

1870. -

The Long Pt Coy	Long pt	60.00	paid, by	14 May 1870
Wm Brandell,	do,	6.00	"	13. June ---
Isaac Foster & Co,	do,	6.00	"	"
John & Robt Jackson, -	Long & Y. point	14.00	"	"
Charles Helmer & Co,	Yukon pt. -	5.00	"	"
Wm Snook,	do,	10.00	"	"
John Law, -	Woodhouse for 1869	5.00	"	31. Oct ---
Wm Snook,	Y. point,	10.00	"	"
Geo. H. Hawks, -	Winter Creek,	6.00	"	"
Chas. Schreive & Co,	Woodhouse,	6.00	"	"
Wm Law,	do	5.00	"	29. Dec: ---
John Paine,	do,	2.00	"	"
James Fargue,	do	2.00	"	"
Gas. Crockett,	Yukon pt	5.00	"	25. Mar: 1871
Gas. Harris,	do,	3.00	"	"
Ad. Sheets, -	Second Bay,	3.00	"	"
Wm Snook & Co,	Pt. Rowan,	3.00	"	"
Wm Snook & Co, 1871	do & Big CK	20.00	"	29. Dec: 1870
Wm Helmer,	Winter bk	1.00	"	25 Mar 1871
27. March 1871,	correct. -	172.00	"	

Mem. Wm Snook, still owes for year 1870. 10.00 Y. pt
 " Pat Layhe " " " " 6.00 Pt. Pyresee
 " John Law " " " " 6.00 Woodhouse
 John W. Law, Jr. &

Sir,

27. March 1871.

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant I have the honor to transmit to you a return of the Licensed Fishermen called for by you as engaged fishing in ~~the~~ Lake Erie, fronting the County of Norfolk for the years 1867, 68, 69 and 70. —

I Have &c.

Hon. P. Mitchell,

~~John W. Kerr~~~~He. H. He.~~~~S.O.~~

These Returns you will find agree with those already furnished by me to the Department, during those years referred to. —

Hon. P. Mitchell,

I Have &c.

He. He. He.

John W. Kerr

S.O.

Sent by 27

To the Hon. Secy. of the Interior, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington

Postages &c.

3. April 1871.

Wrote Sam. Wilcox, Newcastle,

" W. Roberts, Simcoe,

" S. R. Bausch, Ottawa.

" W. H. May, South.

" Enumerated of Barton. —

Sir,

Fishing Bureau Office
Hamilton, 3. of April 1871. -

I have the honor to report for your information that on last night, I seized five pieces of Pike gill net, say nearly 300 yards set in different parts of Port Bay, by unlicensed persons, in Contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

I have previous to this, seized seven other pieces, say about 300 yards more set in various parts of the bay, by unlicensed fishermen. - - -

On Tuesday last, the 28th, ultimo, I seized a piece of pike net, I found set in that part of the bay, called Kerr's pond. - - -

I understood from a private source, that this piece belongs to Richard Laice. - - -

You are aware that Kerr's pond, has been set apart for the natural and artificial propagation of fish. -

Yours faithfully,
John W. Kerr
F.O.

† Sunday, 26. March 1871. -
At B. beach, all regular, went out at 11. a.m. ~~from~~
came in at 5. p.m. miles about 20. H & buggy. -

† Thursday, 30th, March 1871. -
At Port Dalhousie issued license to Peter Bath and others - R. fare 4 1.10. to P. Dalhousie 10¢ H & Buggy to the 20 mile Creek, 1.50. dinner 25¢ boat fare 25¢. R. fare 75. H & buggy. 4 1.50. Miles 40. -

† Monday 27th, March 1871. -
† At B. beach, in Boat. Fred & Serv, with me went out at 9. a.m. came in at 9. p.m. Miles 24. H & buggy. 1.50. - - - dinner for self and Fred 75¢

Port Rowan,

P. Lawson Esq
M. R. Esq.

29. March 1871,

-Albama..

My dear Sir,

It is rumoured here that the Long Point Company, are trying to get the Fishery of Rice Bay into their hands by purchase from the Government, so as to prevent persons shooting wild ducks on its waters, said bay is a sheet of water of about two miles in length and about one mile in width, with an average of from four to six feet of water, not a particle of dry land and it is the only place on the point the public can enjoy the shooting game. We are told if the Company can get the Bay the same as the point they have an offer for the whole from the Americans of \$100,000, gold our people here are very sensitive over the matter, and petition would be unanimously signed ag^t such sale. - Please enquire and let us know if the Company are urged to purchase Rice bay to prevent the public from shooting upon its waters. -

Yours truly,

W. J. Kidmaster. -

* Tuesday, 28th March

at Toronto, all regular, went out at 8, am came in at 6, p.m. Miles 88. Ry 2.40. H^y buggy 1.50. dinner 35¢

Friday 31, March 1871.

* At B. beach, went out 8, am, came in at 8, p.m. miles 24, on the Bay. -

* Wednesday 29. March 1870..

On B. bay. Fred & Sam with me, all regular, Speculating, went out at 9, am Came in at 8¹/₂ p.m. miles 24, - - - H^y Bay

House of Commons,

Sir,

April 1st 1871.

Enclosed I forward a letter from St. J. Kilmasterd Esq^r received this morning relative to the Fisheries around Long point and Rees Bay, to which I beg to call special attention. -

If the statements made in Mr Kilmasterd's letter are correct as to the sale of Long point Coy to a Foreign company, I would urge the advisability of withholding the lease contemplated by last years license to the Long point company, and in order to allay the cause of Complaint made by the inhabitants of Norfolk to grant only yearly license, after offering the Fisheries in Section to public competition.

Trusting the matter will receive your favourable consideration

I am Sir

Your obt^d Servant

Peter Lawson

M.P. -

Hon. P. Mitchell,
Minister of Marine
and Fisheries -
Ottawa -

Sunday, 2. April 1871.

* On P. day. J. H. Corey and Thos^r Kerr with me, went out at 3. p. m. miles about 46. St^d buggy[#] 1.50. St^d Wagon #3. Supper 75, out all night, seized five pieces of gill net, see my report. - went out at 3. p. m. miles - 46. Took up home the net in the Wagon. - also currant bushes from Fletcher's garden. - in all # 5.25

Monday, 3. April 1871.

* Got out a summons for James M. Williams, for putting deleterious stuff in the Bay. From his oil refinery went out at 10. A. m. Came in at 5¹/₂ p. m. miles 12. St^d buggy 1.50.

Tuesday, 4. Apr 1871.

Not counted in // Kerr, served Mr Gages Charles Hapner and Simon Peter Stepha with summonses to appear at J. M. Williams Esq^r M. P. P. - Fred; also some Hapner and Bay; gave with other papers. on Horse back. 2.00
Miles about 30.

Sir,

8. April 1871.

I have the honor to receive the letter of Complaint of Peter Larsson Esq^r M. P. for the County of Norfolk, against the Long Pt Coy. based as it appears upon rumour only, as set forth in the letter of Mr H. J. Kilmasterd, of Port Rowan. —

In reply to your instructions, I have the honor to report, that no application of the nature referred to, regarding the Fisheries around Long Pt nor Rice bay, has ever been made thro' me, by the Company to the Fisheries department. —

From enquiries and the appearance of the Long Pt Company's Secretary John D. MacKenzie Esq^r, I have no hesitation in stating to you, that there is no foundation in fact for the alleged Rumour. —

The Long Pt Company, are at present, composed of fifteen gentlemen all British subjects save one (whose father was). — They are all warm friends of the present administration of Canada. — They are all Conservatives except one. — They have never contemplated

selling any of their interests in Long point. —

The objects for which they received their charter from the Government of Canada will be carried out, and no Foreign Company can obtain the rights they now enjoy. —

I regret to find so many idle reports in circulation of late about the Fisheries in front of the County of Norfolk, in Lake Erie. —

The Fisheries are in a prosperous Condition. The fishermen have no complaints. — They are happy, and contented if left alone

Yours, P. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.

I Have &
John D. MacKenzie
S. S.

* Thursday 12th of April 1871.

Attended the Police Court, the evidence of Charles Deffen, Wulfeys and Simon Peter Stype Esq^r was taken. - Case further adjourned until Friday the 14th of April instant - Present Fred^r Koo!
Mr Williams had Mr Bruce employed in his behalf. -

* Saturday the 8. April 1871. and Sunday. -
On the bay, up to 1/2 past 3. am. Seized six pieces of nets in front of John Dynes, went out to Kew pond - nothing there, grappled and got all the nets by this means except one small piece. - St^r Buggys #5. J. Corey & Fred^r Koo to be paid for the night. - - - miles about 30. -

10. April 1871.

Wrote R. A. Woodcock, Ingersoll, in reply to his Complaint ag^t Pearson killing.

* Monday. 10. April 1871.

at B. beach - on Bay. Ad. Ditch paid me \$5. for fishing in bay. - Dan. Melnyne \$4. on apt of Balon of Lileads - Grappled in front of John Dynes, and about the Bay, where John Dynes was seen by Jack Jaffe that was on hauling a net, after a long effort got the net. - It is Bill Jaffe's net, as appears by leads - except an old piece in the middle - It had 20 pills according to J. R. Coeys apt. I only observed 16. when light home this day. - St^r Buggys 2.50, supper & horse feed 1.50 -

I light pitch dark and raining
Grappled the net within 10. inches of the end of the brail and anchor line up together. -
went out at 11. o'clock, A. M. came in at 2. am. the following morning. - - -
miles about 40. out in a boat, on the bay.

Sat. 9th of April 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on last night and this morning, I seized in Burlington Bay about 600 yards of pike net nearly new, and about 800 yards of white fish gill net, old and rotten. - The nets had evidently been overhauled a short time previously as I found only three pike and a few speckled bass therein. -

I found these nets set in number set in deep water. Saw one about 30 yards I found in an inlet. - A stringent regulation will have to be made regarding this contravention of the Fisheries Act. - In the mean time I shall use all the efforts within my power to frustrate all illegal fishing of this nature in B. Bay. -

Wm: P. Mitchell,
Vc. Vc. Vc.

I Have &c
John W. Ross
J. P. Rogers.

Monday, 11. April 1871. -

At Hamilton, got out summonses for Col: John Land, Ab: W. Taylor, Charles Williams, Samuel Kendall, Fred: H. Corey to appear on Saturday, and give evidence ag^t James M. Williams Esq^r M. P. P. for allowing chemical, and other deleterious stuff to go into the waters of B. Bay, from his oil Refinery, on St. G. St. F. - Leon: of Barton, went out at 8. A. M. came in at 5. P. M. - 144 Bys sold 6 pike of those seized to P. D. Bates fish dealer. For \$1.25 & Miles 10. -

Thursday, 13. April 1871. -

At Hamilton, thence to Charles Dapens, from thence accompanied by J. M. Corey, to inspect the inlet into which the refuse runs from Williams oil Refinery, a quantity of the black vitriol stuff was running from the drain into the inlet when we got there, it was of course diluted with water, and ran out rapidly, and was in extent from one side of the inlet to

Sir,

11. April 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith, my apts and diary, for quarters ending the 31. day of March 1871. —

As also the accounts of individual, such as Boatmen, Guardian, Solicitor &c. who by their acts have rendered good service to the Fisheries Department: — That is to say. —

1.	The diary of John W. Kerr.	V. No. 1	94.70
2.	Fredrick Kerr, Boatman.	V. 21.	30.00 ✓
3.	Fred ^d H. Loney	" 3.2	20.00 ✓
4.	John W. Kerr. office rent.	" 3.	5.00
5.	Fred ^d Ritchie, P. master.	" 4.	3.50
6.	Bureau, Stuart &c.	" 5.	1.70
7.	Peter Price, Guardian.	" 6.	30.00 ✓
8.	Sam ^l Leitch Constable.	" 7.	10.00
9.	John Barber, Solicitor. —	" 8.	15.00 ✓
Total			\$ 219.90 ✓

Hon^l P. Mitchell I have to
 & & & John W. Kerr,
 " " " " " " " " " " " "

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the other. — It floated across on the surface of the water. — It ran out very rapid. —

When we arrived at the inlet it was coming out of the drain. — Loney and myself followed up the drain, and found it came from a wooden pipe ~~the~~ in the ground, which lead in the direction of the Carbon oil Coy. It emptied into the drain. I remained some time about the place filled up a summon for Mr. Williams (Charles) went myself and Loney, to Col^l John Sands, came back again — and on our return it was still running slowly out, when I scooped up a small bottle full of it, mixed with water, went out at 8, am came in 1½. a. m. 14. instant, Team, Mr. Maggon, and boat, seized a net in bay at mouth of Harris Inlet, three pike in it, walked home from Mr. Maggon, Fred Corry

Sil.

11. April 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on last night, I succeeded in grappling up out of B. bay, a pike net of about 200 yds. long. ---

It was set in deep water and contained about 20. choice pike. --- I found the net in the same neighborhood of the bay, as those net. I reported to you on the 9th instant. ---

The nets now seized by me are the property of Mr. Whellogg of Boston who had them set in the vicinity of his own house, to catch a few fish for his own use. --- It was stolen therefrom about a week ago. ---

Mr. John Dyne, a fisherman on B. beach, was seen on yesterday morning overhauling and taking fish out of a net in the same place in the Bay. I found this one. ---

I have &c

Hon: P. Mitchell,

John W. Scott

Continued ---

and Jacob Corey, with me, left my large boat, grapple and net at Whellogg's --- gave pike to Fred. Corey. --- Miles 30.

Friday, 12. April 1871.

* Attended before James Cahill Esq. J. P. Police Magistrate, Col. John Sand. G. H. Corey. W. H. C. Second Saml. Randall, and Charles Williams, were examined for the department, Help. Stoit, Marshall and Hyman, were examined for the defence, the case was adjourned for Saturday week, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles 10. N. Y.

Buggery. --- 1.50

+ Sat. 15. April 1871.

At S. bay, and S. beach, searched for nets but did not succeed in finding any. went out at 2. p.m. came in at 1 1/2. a.m. miles about 26. H & Buggy, and boat, # H & Buggy 2.50 supper & M. food 75/-

Monday, 17. April 1871.

+ at Ingersoll, had James Kennedy, and Arden Carroll, fished #2, each, and Coats, in all #5, each, for fishing for, catching, and killing speckled or brook S in west of pond on Good Friday last 7th day of April, - miles about ¹²⁰~~60~~. H & Buggy #4 R: fare 3.50, dinner & tea 70/-, went out at 8. a.m., came in at 10. p.m. -

* Tuesday 18. April 1871.

at S. Br: and Jst Lrie, gave Chester A. Harris and P. W. Nettle their license for year, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. miles to S. Br 48. to Jst Lrie 65 miles. - Ry fare #2.50. H & Buggy 1.50. - dinner, tea, and bed 75/-

* Wednesday, 19. April 1871.

at Jst Lrie, S. Br: Greenston, and Niagara, Ry fare #1.25. H & Buggy. 1.50, dinner, breakfast, tea and bed 75/- #1. - - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 3 1/2 p.m. miles 32.

* Thursday 20. April 1871.

at Niagara, the 2. and 4 mile ponds, Pt. Dol-housie, Jordan, 15, 16, 18 and 20 mile Creeks, went out at 5. a.m. came in at 9.30. p.m. - H & Buggy #3.75, Ry fare #1. - Breakfast, dinner & supper #1. - miles 64. -

Issued licenses to Henry Sheppard, Joe Gabriel, John Madson, Greenston, Thos. Elliott, John B. Allen, James Cartmell, Charles & Alfred Ball, John Stand. - &c. &c. -

the inlet, where it entered from the drain to the other side, a distance of about 60 yards, forming a black streak, the entire way across, from land to land. - It covered the surface of the water in some places two and three yards wide. -

This black tar Coloured stuff, is Sulphuric Acid, (or Nitric) ~~with the help of the oil, and the~~ ^{and} ~~with the~~ other Chemical ingredients ~~extracted therefrom~~ by which, as I have been told, all the drops and other impurities of the oil, ^{precollected together after separation} ~~are separated~~ from the pure oil article itself. - - -

To illustrate to you the damaging effect, to the fish in B. Bay. - ~~the~~

^{please refer} ~~My statement~~ to my report of the 11th inst. I may mention that I sold some of the Pike alluded to therein to P. D. Bates, Fish Dealer - Mr Bates sold one to Col. Sand and ^{this now} shows a portion of the Col. evidence ~~as affected~~ ^{as affected} or impregnated with Coal oil, and unfit for food. -

Now these pike, that I have just alluded to, were caught July three miles ^{away} from the oil inlet of Mr Williams in another part of the Bay. - ^{also} ~~fish are~~ affected in many other parts of the Bay. - I may also here add that I secured a small bottle of the black tar coloured stuff on Thursday last, so as to have it analysed. - - -

i. The banks of the inlet, for at least 8 ft from the water edge, are burned and vegetation has altogether ~~ceased~~ ^{been the effect} of this black tar Col. stuff. -

I Have &c,

Hon: P. Mitchell

&c.

&c.

&c.

P.S.

John W. Kerr

Oversee

I await any instruction you may be pleased to give me. The case comes up again on next Saturday. -

Y^{rs}

&c.

John W. Kerr

Oversee

Sir,

17. April 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Thursday night last, I seized about 100 yards of pike gill net set in B. bay, opposite the residence of John Byrne - about the same place I found the net reported to you on the 11th instant. -

I have confiscated all these nets seized by me for Contravention of the fishing Act..

Mrs: P. Mitchell,
 &c. &c. &c.

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 Dundee

Sir,

21. April 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Monday last, at Invercull, in the County of Oxford, I had James Kennedy, the clerk of the market of the Town of Invercull, and Andrew Carrall, also a resident of Invercull, fined by the Local Magistrate of the place, two dollars and costs each - for Catching speckled 95 in the Township of West Oxford, in the County of Oxford, on Good Friday, the 7th day of April in Contravention of the Fishing Act. -

They paid the fines.

Mrs: P. Mitchell,
 &c. &c. &c.

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 Dundee

Sir.

24. April 1871. —

I received the Hampden Reform, a paper printed at Simcoe, on Saturday last, through the Post office here. — On scanning over it, I found the enclosed notice pencil marked, by which my attention was first drawn to, and I learned what the Long point Company has been recently doing there. — My first impulse was to wait on the Long pt^y Secretary, John I. Mackenzie to ascertain from him how it was; and upon doing so, Mr Mackenzie told me that when recently at Long point, he, the Rev^d Dr Ryerson, and David Bisdale Esq^r, the Solicitor arrived at the conclusion shown in this notice. — That he thought perhaps before it was done, he ought to have sent the matter to the department, through me. —

The course adopted now, by the Long pt^y Company without your consent or approval is not such, as I can approve of even after mature consideration. — The Long pt^y Company by their license from the department have no power to sublet, without your permission. They place no restriction whatever upon the fishermen whom they have now invited under this notice to come on and all and fish nets and seines free of charge on the Long pt^y fisheries. — "It is an immoral way of doing business". — I have much respect for the President, the Secretary, the Solicitor, and other gentlemen of the Long pt^y Co^y, they are personal friends of mine. — But I will not ignore by silence in this matter, the paramount supremacy and position which you as head of the Fisheries department occupy, and is due to you. — This flagrant violation of, or departure from the Fisheries Act, will entail complications, and contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

I have therefore deemed it my duty to submit the matter for your immediate attention. —

Hon. P. Mitchell,
He. He. He.

I Have He.
John W. Davis
Orange

X Friday, 21. April 1871.

At Brantford, having heard that pickered would be in the market on Saturday morning, being close time, went out at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. came in at 6. P.M. — Miles 37. — H & buggy. 1.50. Ry fare. — dinner, tea and bed He 1.25

X Sat: 22. April 1871.

At Brantford, remained in the market, until after 9. o'clock, A.M., no pickered there, went out at 9.45, A.M. home at 12. Noon. — Ry fare. 1.50 — Miles 40. — B & dinner 60.

X Sunday 23. April 1871. —

At B: beach, found all right, heard all about the pike fishing from Jack Lauffs, and that Oliver Deane and George Williams stole the W^{ell} farges, pike gill net. — went out at 10. A.M. came in at 6. P.M. — miles 26, H. and buggy. 2.50. — dinner 50, Oats He 25,

X Monday, 24. Apr 1871. —

At B. bay, farges and land inlet, and up to the Hight found all regular, no pike gill or other net, went out at 8. A.M. came in at 4. P.M. — H & B. 1.50. Boat, J. N. Corey, and J² — Slews with me. — Miles 26. —

25 April 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith bank draft \$100.00, for the sum of \$100. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on the Long pt. fisheries, leased by the Long point company, for the current year ending on the 31st day of December next. —

I Have &c.

Wm. P. Mitchell,
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr,
Manager.

Wednesday 26 April 1871. —

At Paris, Simeuse, Vittoria, Tenkey point, St. Williams, and Pt. Roman. — found upwards of 60 seals and pickered, in the paws of George Helmes, seized them, and gave them to James Harris. —

At baggage \$1.50, Railway fare 95¢, dinner 35¢, stage to Simeuse from Paris 1.25¢ to Vittoria \$1. — to Tenkey pt. \$1, tea 25¢, team to Pt. Roman 2.50. — went out at 8 a.m., came in at 2 a.m., 27th instant, miles 86. — Snopks paid me \$10. due on last years lease. — Tolls 15¢

Thursday 27 April 1871.

Bed, breakfast 75¢ Boat to Long pt. Crandell and Jackson fishery. — 3rd, thence to Head quarters, and from thence with Peter Price to St. Williams — dined 60¢. Nathan Woodward with me, seized 36 pickered at Jackson caught the evening before. — gave them to Peter Price, Nathan Woodward, the Muffs Reese, and Monte, was in the Bay, in the Great Thunder storm, went out at 7 a.m. came in at 9¹/₂ p.m., miles about 36. —

Sail Boat. See my report. — bed 25¢
gave Wm Crandell his license, it is \$6. he did not pay for it.

† Friday 28th, April 1871.

at St. Williams and Turkey Pt gave Mags John Jackson = son & Robert Jackson, their license for Turkey and Long Pts - J. Jackson paid me \$14, gave Wilson Wells and George Helmer their license they paid me \$6. went up and saw Jim Harris and Oscar Steigheim they paid me \$4. gave license to James Harris for both. - returned to St. Williams. St. Buggy 2, had 25, breakfast 25, dinner 25 & tea 25 & miles 24. - on my return to St. Williams I fined Robt Jackson \$20, for having pickled in his pots at Long Pt the previous day, and \$2 costs to be paid at once to Nathan Woodward for boat in serving the summons and attending court. -

† Friday 28, April 1871.

at St. Williams Pt. Roman and Pt. Royal, and down on the logs in the canal. - saw a jack light out in the marsh. - met four men coming from fishing, they had one of them a pickled and some Cat fish, the pickled boy ran away. - a man named Franklin was there - Abbott was the name of boy who had the pickled, seized four ^{dip} nets, found them, they were wet. and ^{re-}cently fished. - then to Ben. Kilmaster's bush, and waited at the landing for the person with the light to come in, but he did not do it. - went out 7. p.m. came in at 6. a.m. next morning - miles 24. St. Buggy. Boat, and walking. - St. B. 2¹/₂. - had 25 &

† Sat: 29th, April 1871. -

got out summonses for George Helmer, Charles Smith Philip Wells, and George Petty for fishing on the licensed fishing of Wm. Brooks at Turkey Pt. - sent a constable and Peter Price to serve them and seize net, ropes, boat windlafs, and harrows, the duty was duly performed attended before the Magistrate, J. A. Backhouse Esq. 7. p. the cases charged at \$5 each, was proved as well as admitted - and the Magistrate

decision was as follows:

George Holmes	10 fine and Costs	\$ 7.60
Charles Smith	2	5.60
Philip Wells	1	4.45
George Petty	1	2.40

And the net, ropes boat
harrowes, and windlass used were all con-
fiscated. - See my report for further particu-
lars. - had breakfast, dinner, and tea, \$1.00
washing 15, Beam #2 - miles 2. -

4:

Sunday, 30 April 1871,

at Pt Rowan and Royal, seized net belonging
to Joseph W. Peunes of Walsingham - found it in
Fred's Tromblays barn - Mr Tromblay said it be-
longed to a Mr Foster, and was there for the
last three years, thence back to Pt Rowan, re-
ceived a list of names from Owen Bowes, of
persons fishing in close time for pickarel, back
to Pt Rowan, saw with my glass - that Bob
Jackson &c. was hauling a net or something else,
at the cut, Long Pt, got ready a boat, but
in the mean time, a boat with Harvey Auger
and another man got away on the ship, and
apprised Jackson of my coming. - everything
was in order when I got there, the ropes
were wet, and the net, the sand disturbed about
the windlass, Jackson acknowledged to his
having run across the fishing ground with
a rope to search for farts, but denied fishing.

He was examined as to his brother Frank, and
Frank as to him - but they denied upon their
oath, that they fished -

Harvey Auger, admitted on his oath, that when
he saw me at Pt Rowan, he started in his
boat, to apprise Jackson, so that I might not
catch him. - went out at 12. p. m. came
in at 1. o'clock, a. m. 1st of May, miles about
3. - 44 buggy 2.50. boat 3, breakfast, dinner
and supper & bed \$1.50 -

X Monday 1. May 1871.

Getting out summonses, for persons violating the Fisheries Act, gave them to constable John Macdonald and Peter Price to have them served for 10. o'clock, and next morning. — Thence to Point de Graft to Lake Erie, to see Mr Snook haul. — noticed Mr Snook to remove dead fish lying on the shore, gave him a week for doing so. — went out at 10. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. Miles about 8. Meagre and boat \$1.50, Board & bed \$1.00. —

X Tuesday 2. May 1871. —

Attended court, Saml Fick, Amable Pignon Jr, Joe Tuttle, and Thos Bennett, of Walsingham summoned up were discharged without a fine or costs being imposed. — and fourteen others were fined, as per my report. — dated 4. May 1871. —

Robt, and Frank Jackson, were also discharged. — It being proved that they merely hauled a rope to try the fishing ground. — four others charged for catching pickeral in close time &c, were not summoned up, but George Carroll, Louis Le-Jortune, Delamuel Cromblay, and Fred Cromblay. — went out at 10. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. Board & bed \$1.00. —

X Wednesday 3. May 1871.

at St Williams, Turkey Pt, Normandale, Victoria, Simcoe, Paris, and home. — gave J. Crockett leave, arranged other matters at the Point. —

44 Buggy to Paris \$6 - ~~79~~ miles - by fare & Cole \$1.15 & board for day 1. — Miles in all about 96. —

Telegraphs 96¢ carriage of fish spawn 25¢

+ May 5, 1871. Friday.
 On B. bay. searching for nets, did not suc-
 ceed in getting any — heard that Dr. Fitch
 had placed James Rofs, and his woman in
 W. J. Murray's safe Cottages, — also
 Ellick: Day, and another man. — went
 out at 6. p. m. came in at 3. a. m. —
 miles about 16. made a diligent search for
 the nets ^{off} — Mr. Buggy, and boat
 about 2. — Fred & Ross & J. N. Corey with
 me. —

Sir,

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday last, the 29th day of April, Messrs George Holmes, Charles Smith, Philip Wells, and George Petty were charged with fishing for, and catching (pickrel) fish within the fishing limits described in the license of Mr W^m Brooke, without his permission. —

The fishing, is described as No: 6, at Turkey Pt. The offence was committed on the 22^d of March last, and was repeated afterwards at intervals, for a fortnight. —

The complaint was laid before me, but I handed it over to John A. Backhouse Esq^r J. P. of Walsingham. — Mr Backhouse fined each of the parties as below, and confiscated the seine, that had been used ~~used~~, the ropes, the barrows &c, and boat. — I had them all delivered up to me, as confiscated, per Sec: 13. of the Fisheries Act. —

Upon consulting with the convicting Mag^r and talking the case over, I loaned them the boat again to Messrs Wells and Holmes, the license of fishing station No: 3. Turkey Pt. — This loan is altogether subject to your approbation. — The fines imposed, I declined to interfere with. — Here are the names of the persons fined. —

Wife

1. George Holmes	fine	£17.60.	including costs
2. Charles Smith	"	7.60.	" "
3. Philip Wells	"	5.45.	" "
4. George Petty	"	3.40.	" "

I Have &c.
John A. Backhouse
overseer

Hon: P. Mitchell,
H. H. H.

Sir,

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday the 29th of April last, ~~at the~~ ^{by me} ~~break~~ a fisherman, and holder of fishing station Nos. 1.5. and 6. Serkey, ~~for~~ was fined twenty dollars on his own admission, for fishing for, catching or killing pickeral in close tide, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. The expelled Contrition, promised not to offend any more. —

I recommend the case for your consideration. — Please allow the fine in this case to remain in abeyance, as a guarantee for future good behaviour, which I hope will have the desired effect. —

Yours faithfully,
P. Mitchell
He. He. He.

I Have &c.
Schulthess
T. D.

Mr Henry Rofs.
Fisherman.
P. Matland.

In the discharge of my duty as Deputee - Complaint having been duly laid before me, I was obliged to seize, and confiscate five trap

nets. I found set in the Grand River, this day, and which my informant stated to me was your property. — Trap nets are illegal, but the Hon: Minister of Marine and Fisheries has the power to grant a special license for them. — Until you receive this license you cannot fish trap nets any more. —

To do so, will subject you to a heavy fine and perhaps the entire loss and forfeiture of your present license. — Let me hear from you, and if you have any lawful excuse to offer. —

I shall gladly receive it, and make a favourable report in your behalf. —

Believe me faithfully

Hamilton Onto.

9. May 1871.

Schulthess
J. Deane.

Sir,

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday last the 27th of April, at Long Pt, Lake Erie, I seized thirty six pickeral, caught the previous day by Robert and Frank Jackson, with a seine, in contravention of the Fishing Act. —

Robt Jackson, is one of the lessees of the Fishing where these pickeral were fished for, caught or killed. Jackson being absent at Pt Rowan at the time, I had him brought before me, where I fined him \$20 or thirty days in Jail, at Seneca. —

The fish, I seized, and confiscated, except 14, which a younger Jackson was cleaning for their own use, which I allowed them to keep. —

The balance 22, I gave to the 2 boatmen who accompanied me. —

It might perhaps, be considered an act of oppression to enforce this penalty just now. —

Will you be pleased to allow this fine also to remain in abeyance, as a guarantee for future good behavior. — so be enforced if he offends again. —

Yours faithfully,
Hon. P. Mitchell

I Have &c
John L. Kerr
or

Sir.

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I had summonses issued against Fred Tromblay, and his son Delamere Tromblay, for catching George Carroll, and Louis Le Fortune for fishing for, catching or killing pickered in close season, in contravention of the Fisheries Act.

And also for having the fish in their possession. - The parties could not be found, but in my absence, John A. Backhouse Esq. J.P. of Walsingham will attend to them.

Fred Tromblay, had the pickered in his possession on the morning of the 25th of April last, that were caught by his son, and Jacob W. Peacock on the night of the 24th. For Mr. Dot Spence, my informant, saw them there.

I am now persuaded that a better state of things will follow the proceedings I have taken to stop this wholesale slaughter of pickered, which I regret to say to you, has not only been countenanced, but encouraged by a local member of Parliament, Simpson McLough, and a local Magistrate Henry Kil-

Mr. P. Mitchell,
He. He. He.

I Have &c
John W. Kere
Cousin.

Sir,

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Wednesday night the 26th day of April last about 10 o'clock, p.m., I found upwards of 60 pickerel and bass, in the pots² of Phelps² Wilson Wells, and George Holmes, helpers of Fishery Station No: 3, Turkey Pt., Lake Erie. They were in a box, in a spring creek. - The box had holes in it through which the water passed. The fish were all alive. - I seized the fish, and confiscated them. They were all caught in close season. -

George Holmes, admitted the offence, and I fined him \$20, or one month in Seneca Jail, and the fish I gave to Mr James Ferris, a fisherman ^{on Turkey Pt.} who accompanied me on this duty.

Will you be pleased to hold, and allow this fine of \$20, to remain in abeyance as a guarantee for future good behavior. -

The fact is the licensed seine net fishermen of Turkey Pt. have been repeatedly told that there is no law for the place. - Simpson McFaul is alone responsible for all this misfortune. - The fishermen have however, at last discovered that the Fishery department is their best, and only true friend, after all. -

I Have &c,

John W. Kern

Hon: P. Mitchell

Sir,

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Friday night last, the 28th day of April, about 9 o'clock, p.m., at Big Creek, in township of Walgringham, County of Norfolk I seized 4. dip nets, ^{on the logs} floating, but stationary, in the canal, for some years past, the outlet of the water of Big Creek, into Long Pt Bay, Lake Erie. — The nets were web, and had been recently fished. — I met your man coming from there, ~~as I have~~ one young man had a pickrel in his hand, caught there, as I have since been informed. — (Young Abbott.)

Mr. Lot Spence, the principal lessee, of this fishery, was with me at the time. These depredations, and those I have had since, have been urged on by Henry Kilmaster Esq. J. P., a Magistrate at Pt. Rowan, to commit depredation, and contravention of the Fisheries Act; even Mr. Kilmaster brother Benjamin, also a Magistrate told me so, upon yesterday. —

Mr. Henry Kilmaster, claims to be a stock holder in this small Canal, made only for the purpose of taking down saw logs, by a shorter route, into Long Pt Bay, than the original winding route of old Big Creek. —

The main object Henry Kilmaster has in view, is self. He expects through Mr. Simpson McLeod to be the coming man to oust Peter Dawson Esq. M. P. P., at the next Election. — He is the same person, who recently made the misrepresentation to the Long Pt Company, selling out Long Pt to an American Coy. —

The dip nets I have confiscated, I remained out until 5.0.0. am. next morning. Mr. Spence was with me.

H. P. Mitchell.

Yr. Yr. Yr.

I Have V.

John W. C.

Feb.

4. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Sunday last, I seized a small seine, in the barn of Fred^{re} Tronblay, situated on the road side between Pt^e Roman, and Royal, in the township of Walsingham, County of Norfolk. —

I had only received information a few minutes before I found this net, from Mr Owen Bowers, that Jacob, W. Pecquet, and Delamere Tronblay, had fished a gibe or hoop net, the previous Monday night (close time) and caught 14 pickeral. —

I did not find the gibe net, but I have since learned from Mr Owen Bowers of its whereabouts. — The seine is the property of John W. Pecquet, and was got up by him, this spring, for the purpose of fishing for, catching or killing pickeral. — Pecquet, when on trial before John A. Backhouse Esq^r, J. J., at St^e Milliers on the 2^d instant, admitted the net fished once, but caught nothing. — J. W. Pecquet, as you will perceive by the accompanying report was fined \$7.75¢ including costs for a contravention of the fishing act. — and I have since heard from Mr O. Bowers, a reliable person, that Pecquet and Tronblay fished the gibe net, on last Saturday night up to Sunday morning.

This was since the trial was held on the 2^d instant. — What shall I do with this small seine? — Henry Kilmaster tried to raise a fuss, because I seized this net, upon Sunday; while he has done nothing himself to stop Sunday fishing, and other desecrations of the Sabbath.

I Have &c.
John W. Keir

Hon^{ble} P. Mitchell
J.

Scri.

4. May 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information that on Tuesday last, the 2^d instant, at St. Williams, in the township of Charlottetown and County of Norfolk, before John A. Backhouse Esq. J.P., I charged a eighteen persons, all residents of the Township of Walsingham, in said County, with fishing for, catching or killing pickeral in Big Creek, which is situated at the head of Long Pt. Bay, Lake Erie, between the 15. day of April, and the 1st day of May 1871. — in Contavention of the Fisheries Act. — Order — Regulation, dated 9th day of April 1869, Sec. 3.

The persons who are convicted of the charge are as follows viz:

1. David Beam, fine and costs	7. 95	or 20 days in Jail.
2. John B. Fick, "	5 95	15,
3. Jacob W. Pecune, "	7 75	20,
4. Joseph Backhouse, "	8 00	20,
5. Isaac Bower, "	3 50	12,
6. Henry Osborne, "	1 00	5,
7. Amable Pigeon Sr, "	4 05	12,
8. Moses White, "	4 05	12,
9. Albert Trickett, "	1 00	5,
10. Jos. White, "	1 00	5, —
11. Steph W. Brown, "	3 95	10,
12. Abram Brown, "	3 95	10,
13. Will Randell, "	1 00	5,
14. Owen Bower, "	4 00	— — —

Those persons one and all admitted the offence, and hence the trifling penalty imposed.

There were four other persons summoned up, but the charge was dismissed upon my recommendation. — Big Creek is the same stream to which you drew my attention in your letter of the 1st of March

last, in consequence of a complaint made by certain parties in the Township of Warrington, as transmitted to the department by James Young Esq^r M. P., in regard to saw dust, fish wegs, &c. &c. &c.

Mr Holt, a Solicitor, who appeared for those persons, before the Magistrate, stated that they were led astray by and encouraged by Henry Kilmerston Esq^r J. P., and who is also a Deacon of a Church to commit the offences charged, and he! would stand between them and harm. — and Simpson McLeod, the local member of Ontario, for South Norfolk, is continually doing the same thing. — I hope you will be pleased to resort to some course whereby a final stop will be put to such conduct on their part. —

Mr Owen Bowes and Mr Spencer, who have been instrumental in aiding me to the final result in these several cases, deserve well of me, and the department. — Mr Bowes bought some of the illegal caught pickeral from Danes Beam for which he was fined \$4, but as he done so, for the interests of the Fishery, will you be pleased to allow me to remit the fine. —

The accompanying communication will show you the result of my weekly work at Turkey and Long Pt. Big Creek, P^r. Rowan and P^r. Royal.

Yours faithfully,
Hon. P. Mitchell
H. H. H.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
P.

Please find a copy of Mr Spencer & Sons license Big Creek is situated ^{all within} their property, and the license was taken by them, and issued by me so as to protect this valuable ^{spring} pickeral fishery, restore order, stop sabbath fishing, and sabbath desecration, admitting all at a mere nominal fee of 50¢ or \$1. — so that it might be free to all who heretofore enjoyed the privilege. — under the mild restrictions of the Fishery act. — such being the objects I

had in view, when I issued this License, I hope you will be pleased to discountenance any ~~all~~ future communication made to you regarding this valuable fishery - and uphold me in the stand I have now taken. - - The licenses whose names appear in license are all honorable men, they paid \$20. or ~~as far back as the 1st~~ of Dec: last. - Agreeing to admit their neighbors with them on the condition above. -

W. K. R. &

W. K. R. &

Sir,

6. May 1871. -

With reference to the several contraventions of the Fisheries Act, reported by me to you on the 4th inst. as having happened at Turkey, & Long Point, Big Marsh and Big Creek, ^{Long Pt. Bay, & Little Bay} in the townships of Charlottesville and Walsingham, in the County of Norfolk; in connection with ~~out~~ our valuable pickeral, ~~and~~ ^{add} other fisheries there, I have a few remarks to ~~make~~ which I hope will meet your approbation. - The take of pickeral in the localities set forth, ~~this season so far~~ ^{are} has been profitable to the fishermen who ~~have been~~ ^{are} industrious, and attentive to their calling, the price being remunerative, and ^{they} take equal to the demand. -

^{within 3 weeks} One man with his dip net alone, caught ~~as high as~~ 500 fish, averaging ten pounds each.

This man, James Adams, fished every Sunday during the pickeral run - and during ~~the~~ close season, until I made my appearance and stopped him by seizing his dip net, ^{on the} 29th of last. Many others were guilty of a similar offence and all these offences were carried on during close time, under the eyes of Henry Kilmaster Esq. J. P. - who ^{appears to have taken} ~~took~~ no steps to uphold the laws, he has sworn, ^{as a Magistrate} to administer. - - -

The close ~~time~~ ^{season} for pickeral requires to be altered ^{by regulation to suit} these localities.

~~And~~ I would strongly recommend that, ^{in future} during the close ~~time~~ ^{season} for pickrel ^{in this locality}, no seine hauling, net fishing of any kind, nor spearing be permitted, but that the fishermen one and all be compelled to lay by, and hang up their nets &c. —

~~I have the well disposed, and public opinion with me in this suggestion to you —~~

I may here state, that the majority of the people, of the localities ~~quoted by me~~ coincide with me in asking you to make a regulation to this effect. ~~which~~ I strongly recommend ^{this} to your consideration. —

~~I was~~ I was present on Monday last at Point de Gras, Long Point Bay, ^{Lake Erie} where I hauled made, netted \$45. a good 1/2 days work for three men, and the owner of the net. — The ^{majority of the} ~~principals~~ fish, being large pickrel averaging about 10 pounds weight. — and every other licensed fisherman can do alike profitable business, if sober and industrious. — — — This seine hauling is all carried on in the outside waters of Long Pt Bay, Lake Erie.

The dip net ^{small seine} ~~fishing~~ ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ ^{Big} ~~Big~~ ^{Creek} is only of a similar nature to that carried on at Bushmore in the Thames, near Delaware, and Durville, on the Grand River, and sanctioned and approved by you heretofore. —

Big Creek, and Long Pt Bays have always had my special attention ~~excised~~ and care ~~attracted thereto~~. Because of the abundance of those choice fish referred to in the Fisheries Act, requiring ^{my} careful protection, besides a variety of ~~other~~ valuable fish ^{not referred to}, such as Channel Cat, broad mullet &c, which always command good prices and ready sale.

My great desire and the only one I have is to see ^{under my charge} fishing ~~protected~~ in this locality, ~~and~~ the laws mildly ~~and~~ moderately, but firmly administered, so that our licensed fishermen — wisely protected

under your administration may become prosperous, happy, and comfortable, and ~~be~~ carefully ^{watched over} ~~protected~~ ^{by me so that} ~~from~~ ^{inroads being} are not made upon their legal rights to which their ~~licenses~~ ^{licenses} from the Department of Fisheries ^{justly} entitle them ~~to~~ . . .

The injuries done by those lawless unlicensed fishermen, who until now have never been checked, was ~~most~~ ^{damaging} ~~injurious~~ to our licensed fishermen - They sent wagon loads of pickered' as far north ~~to~~ ^{to} the Towns of Ingersoll Woodstock ^{Paris} and Brantford a distance of about 40 miles. They glutted the market, undersold ~~with other~~ ^{in their calling, every spring during} ~~and~~ ^{damaged our people besides} ~~the~~ ^{defrauding} the Municipality ^{of Walsingham in particular} out of the amount they ought to have paid ^{into the Treasury} for a pedlar's license. . . .

* pickled fishing -
set our camp at
defiance,

I shall add no more, and trust the course I have pursued and accomplished will now meet your approbation.

Hon. P. Mitchell, I Have &c.
Y. Y. Y. John W. Keor

+ Monday, 8th May 1871. -
at S. Por. Got line. P^t Colborne, and Dunville, gave Florence Green, and John Logan license for fishing at Dunville and Maldenhead for which they paid me \$20. - gave Henry Rofs, his license - gave a boy 5¢ to go for Henry Rofs. - paid by fare from Hamilton to S^t John \$1.65, from S^t John to Dunville \$1.15 x dinner tea & supper 75¢ - - 44 Buggy 1.25, miles about 120.

+ Tuesday 9th May 1871.
at Dunville, and down the River near P^t Maitland seized 5 New Trap nets found set therein the property of Henry Rofs - took them up. - Martin Green was with me. - about 2¢1. worth of mud Cat, ~~Andrew~~ ^{Andrew} dried the nets, and left them for safe keeping with Martin Green subject to my written order. went out at 7. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - miles about 10. - Boat - Got Martin Green to haul for hake

his

6. May 1871.

I have the honor to recommend that you will
be pleased to have a regulation made to protect the public
waters abounding with the fishes named in the Fisheries
Act, from ~~the~~^{to have frequent all} ~~chemical substances~~^{because all} used in ~~for~~ refining
or purifying Coal Oil, commonly known as black
vitrol or tar, ^{to be} burned up on the premises, and not ~~at~~^{be}
^{run} permitted to enter ^{or put up such} ~~the~~ waters at all. —

because oil I believe will not ^{kill} ~~harm~~ fish, but the refuse ~~is~~ ^{is} after purifying the crude oil is carbonic acid, ~~and~~ destructive, and injurious to fish, impregnating fish both with the odors and taste of these chemicals (and oil) used in the operation. In the State of Pennsylvania, all such ingredients have to be covered up, so that a pestilence cannot enter the water there, nor harm the fishes . . .

I am compelled to ask you to do this
in consequence of the injurious effects this refuse
of the oil works at the head of ^{inlet and} ~~Laredo~~ ^{Bay}
~~in the~~ ^{also in Dundas enters and flows into} ~~Paulington Bay~~ has upon the fish in the water
thereof. viz, ^{Salp} Pike and herring, beside
varieties of other fish.

I have the
John W. W.

Hon. P. Mitchell
 H. H.

and Cat fish, was about all day served notices on
the saw mill owners. - See my report of 12th of
May 1891. - boat \$1.50. Board \$1. - -

Wednesday, 10. May 1871,
at Dunville, Pt Colborne, Pt Line, S. Bridge, and
Niagara. - By fare 2.25. board \$1.25, went out at
3. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles about 90. - at
the two, and gave mile brack, being bad. - Harris
fishing at Pt Line injured by the Intercolonial Bridge
promised to report in his behalf. - Water at 2. and 4.
discoloured. - No white fish - fishing good at
Greenston. Henry Sheppard doing a big business. -

Sir,

6. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Sunday last, I was at Pt. Roman, County of Norfolk, scanning the waters of Lake Erie, at the cut, with my glass. Off Long Pt., when I observed a boat going around in the lake, putting out a line. I immediately procured a sail boat, and across, but Harvey Auger a resident of Pt. Roman was there before me, and apprised Robt. Jackson, one of the lessees of my coming. — Jackson upon being questioned by me, stated that he run around the lake with the hauling lines on the ground, to ascertain if there were any farts upon it. —

I had him brought up, but I was not able to establish anything beyond his own acknowledgement. —

I have caused a closer watch to be kept upon such people. They must in future obey the laws.

Hon. R. Mitchell,

I Have &c,
John W. Ross

* The distance across, is about five miles.
John W. Ross

Thursday, 11. May 1871.

At Niagara, thence to St. Catharines saw Wallace and Scotty rode up with Young Japs of St. Catharines home by Railway, bought \$3. worth of White fish from Albert & Charles Ball — they paid me the balance of Rent, went out at 8. A. M. came in at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. P. M. miles about 100. By fare &c. \$2, board \$1. —

Sir.

12. May 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information that on Tuesday last, the 9th instant, in the Grand River between Pt. Maitland, and the Town of Dunnville, I served five new trap nets, set and placed there by Mr Henry Rofs, the Lessee of the Fishery.

Those nets are worth about \$7 each, and are made stationary in the river by the means of three poles forced into the muddy bottom. To each of these poles the net is tied and fastened.

The trap end is fastened to one pole, and the wings ^{only about 6 ft long} of the net, to each of the other poles — leaving a space of about twelve feet to allow the fish to enter into the trap which occupies the Centre, which is kept open to admit the fish by means of wooden hoops. —

When the fish once enter, they can never return nor back out. — Great Complaints were laid before me by Mr. McLean, the Customs House Officer, at Dunnville, respecting these nets, but in my opinion they may be allowed to be fished in the Grand River, as harmless to the valuable fish. —

The only fish I found therein, was small bull heads, mud Cat or Cat fish. — The nets were set to catch this particular class of fish, which when skinned, and cleaned are worth 7¢ per pound in the Buffalo Market, where Mr Rofs sells them. —

I should have no hesitation in allowing Mr Rofs to continue fishing the nets but that Sub Section 7. of Section 13. of the Fisheries Act, gives the remedy.

I, of course hold the nets in my possession at present, but I strongly recommend that Mr Henry Rofs, may have your special Consent to fish those nets, under certain restrictions, and I be allowed by you to return them to him at once for that purpose. —

I Have &c.

Hon: R. Mitchell
Y. Y. Y.John W. Ross
Dufferin

Sir,

12. May 1871.

I have the honor to send you here -
with cheque No: 18, for the sum of Fifty
four dollars. —

This amount, you will please ap-
ply as follows:

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| 1. in Wm Brook, Fishing Station No: 16. at
Sunkley Point for year 1870. — | \$ 10. 00 |
| 2. do on Stations, 1. 5 and 6, for 1871. | 30. 00 |
| 3. John and Robert Jackson, for Station
No: 2, at Sunkley Pt and No: 1, at
Long Pt for year 1871. — | 14. 00 |
| Total | \$ 54. 00 |

Hon: P. Mitchell.
He. He. He

I Have &c,
John W Kent
Overseer

Friday, 12, May 1871.

at B. beach — found all regular, went to make
enquiry, respecting the proceedings of Ben: Jones on
the 3rd May, regarding nets & boat under licence
for violation of Fisher's act. — and to make other
enquiries went out at 4. p. m. miles about 24. —
At buggy, charge \$2. —

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your kind favour of the 15th instant, I sincerely thank you for the interest you have taken in the fishing and their protection during close season for pickeral, in the waters of Big Creek and Marsh, Long Pt. Bay, Lake Erie, near Pt. Rowan. -

I shall as a matter of course proceed ag^t the 19, persons you allude to. - I will lodge complaint ag^t them all this day (by letter) before John A. Backhouse Esq^r J. P. of Walsingham, in the County of Norfolk. -

In the discharge of my duty I endeavour to treat persons complained of as equals, equals in guilt. -

My reason for not prosecuting them all sooner was because I had not until now got their names. -

I shall come up as soon as I get a letter from Ottawa, I am expecting daily, and anxiously waiting for. - -

I am greatly obliged to you for telling me about that petition, and also for apprising me of Henry Esq^r Kilmaster's feelings towards myself personally. -

I am fully prepared now to stand by your gentlemen helpers, and I am fully satisfied the fishing department at Ottawa, will uphold me in so doing. -

Let the deacon - Kilmaster proceed ag^t me, for taking the net on Sunday. Prosecution small beer if he dare. - I shall enjoy the matter amazingly. -

A man named Boudon has a licence from me for fishing at Pt. Burwell, but of course he has left himself open to be fined for catching H. H. C. pickeral during close time, and fine him I shall. -

You need never be alarmed about my telling the public nor an individual whatever you entrust me with. - As the J. P. say 'it is all on the L'.

Anything you tell me goes no further than myself, except I may with your own sanction tell the Commissioner. -

Remember me very kindly to my good
friend, Mr. Jot Spencer, -
and believe me -

To,

Queen Bower Lake
Walsingham,
P^t Royal, P. Office.

My dear Sir, -

Y^{rs} respectfully,
John W. Kerr
Hamilton, Onto.
19. May 1871. -

My dear Sir, -

I am in receipt of your note of the 9th in-
stant, and have much pleasure in enclosing the order
in Council you require. -

It is the same I used when before you re-
cently at St. Williams. -

I understand by letter from a friend of mine
resident in your township that some little disappoint-
ment is felt by those persons whom you fined, because
every one else offending, were not like them, all
treated alike. - - I heard as a matter of course
when last in your neighbourhood, that a great many
more people had fished, caught, and killed
pickered, during the close time; that is between the
15. of April, and the 1st of May instant, but until
yesterday was not aware who those persons were.

I am however at present in a position to give
you the names of 19 other persons who like those al-
ready convicted, are charged before me, with a like
contravention of the Fishing Act. - In the waters of
Lake Erie, and Big Creek. That is to say:

They all reside in the township of
Wallingham, in the County of
Norfolk.

1. John Courtneyman.
2. Joseph Rockafeller.
3. Edward Miller.
4. Louis Foster.
5. Alex. Rockafeller.
6. Charles Rockafeller.
7. Josiah Brown.
8. Thomas Muddhill.
9. Charles Muddhill.
10. Wm. Muddhill.
11. John Muddhill.
12. Wm. Muddhill.
13. Isak Overbaugh.
14. Amable Pigeon Jr.
15. Nelson Foster.
16. Elias Foster.
17. Henry Foster.
18. Isaac Foster.
19. Edward Foster.

For fishing for, catching or killing pickeral
in the waters of Big Creek, and Lake Erie,
during the month of April last, that is to say,
between the 15th of April, and 1st of May
1871.

I complain to you on the other side in due form
against those persons, and I will come up shortly pre-
pared with the witnesses to prove all the cases, - I will
fetch summonses (blank) with me when I come along. -
Of course you will not proceed ag^t them until I
just come up. -

I am My dear Sir, -

With due respect,

(yours) Respectfully

John A. Backhouse Esq^r

John W. Kerr

J. O'Connell

Wallingham P. Office.
Co. of Norfolk. -

Hamilton Ont^y

19. May 1871.

paid postage 4
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Sir,

23. May 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 9th instant, the Deputy Sheriff of the County of Wentworth, accompanied by Benjamin Joice, came to my house, and place of residence which they entered, and searched the place for the boat, seine, and herring gill nets seized, and confiscated for contravention of the Fisheries Act, during the year 1870, as already reported to you, with full particulars from time to time. ---

It appears in this latter instance the search was made under the authority of a Writ of Replevin. ---

As a matter of course nothing was found, I having the different things removed to a place of safe keeping some months ago. ---

I have repeatedly told Mr. Joice to petition you as laid down in sub section 15. of Sec. 16. of the Fisheries Act. ---

This he declines to do, because his Solicitor, Frank Mackelcan advises him so. ---

In the present case, Joice had to get two solvent persons to give security for \$700, to bear the Sheriff harmless, for his illegal proceedings against me. ---

I send you herewith a copy of the Writ, and the information or affidavit of Benjamin Joice, the requisition of Mackelcan, his Solicitor, and the judges order to issue the Writ. ---

The whole proceedings is wrong, as nothing can be taken out of the hands of the law. --- more especially where, as in this instance the remedy is so already pointed out, as above referred to by me. ---

I Have &c

Hon: R. Mitchell

Y. Y. Y.

John W. Ross

Sir,

23. May 1871.

I have the honor to apply to you for permission to allow the Seine hauling to be continued at Niagara this season, during the month of June. — There will be a Militia Camp there for drill during June, and the Troops will require some fresh white fish. —

Besides the take there this season has been very trifling. — Warm weather during the month of June may bring the fish in shore, on the Seine hauling ground. —

I Have &c.

Hon. B. Mitchell . . .
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
Doubtless

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Monday 15. May 1871.

at ~~Manitowish~~ Suseuston, to see what was the matter with Joe Gabriel, and Dr. Dora. — made every enquiry into the affair. — and gave my best advice to them all went out at 8. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. Miles 106. H & Buggy #2, By fare 2.⁴/₅. — dinner and tea 50¢

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Sunday 21. May 1871.

Out warning persons, who were fishing hook and line, if caught again would be severely punished was at Falls and Depew's inlet. — Geo. R. Kerr with me. — went out at 1 p. m. came in at 6 p. m. miles 16. H & Buggy 2.⁴/₅. —

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Monday 22. May 1871. —

at B. Leach, gave James Maddell his license. — Mrs Joan Baldy has she paid \$4 on apt of it, gave Mrs Sherburnell has she paid me \$3. — gave Ric: Laafe his — he paid me \$4. — went out at 7. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. Miles 24. H & B. 2.⁴/₅. —

Noticed Dr. Fitch about Mr W. J. Murray's Cottage, being in possⁿ of Jim Roff and others. — also gave Ben Gould's his license \$15. no money

† Saturday 27, May 1871.

at B; beach giving out licenses - John Dyne paid me ten dollars for year 1869. - gave him license for 1871, - he still owes for 1870. and 1871. - gave John Henry his license for \$10, he paid \$2, on apt. - gave Jack Laafe his license for self & An³ Ditcher \$10, and for R & J. Laafe \$10. - no pay, D³ Armstrong license \$5, went out at 5. a. m. came in at 10¹/₂ a. m. miles 24. H & Pay \$2.50. -

23, May 1871. -

Wrote Wm. Waterhouse & John Hood, also W. J. Whitchey Esq. Commissioners at Ottawa, Wrote D³ Price respecting Henry Rofs, and his trap nets. -

Sunday 28 May 1871,

at Sand Inlet, found Elie Murray two other men and a boy fishing therein, warned them if I caught them again I would fine them the boy had a small perch - Murray and one of the men had about 9 Catfish - the other man had no fish - all however were fishing, went from there to Repens & Jagers inlet - found no one else, went out at 5. a. m. came in at 10¹/₂ a. m. miles about 16, H and baggy \$1.50. -

Sir,

2^d June 1871,

I have the honor to receive from the Hon. M^r of M^r & D^r, Circular, dated department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa 1st of May 1871. —

As this is a Circular intended for all the ~~unfords~~ and other officers of the Dominion, and not for me in particular, I hope it will not be considered by you out of place in one, if I should point out to you ~~had~~ effects that may result from this Circular. — I only of course have reference to my own district, designated by you in the published Annual Report of the year 1869. See page 73. —

"This is a most important division extending from Long Pt. to Toronto, and one which requires the greatest activity and attention".

Now on reading further on, you will find by the report, that my division extended at the date of this report, and as it does still to Whitty Harbour, a distance of about 38 miles by the Lake shore of Ontario, and since then you have been pleased to add on to my division about 50 odd miles more viz^t from Long Pt. to Pt. Stanley, Lake Erie. —

It does appear to me, that before a Circular of this kind is put in force, that the extract from a report of the Hon^{ble} the Privy Council, approved of by His Excellency^{the Governor Gen^l}, dated on the 21st day of December 1869, under which I claimed my expenses ~~my expenses~~ up to 30th day of April last, and that were incurred should be put ~~first~~ aside, and communicated to me; as I was ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ utter ignorance of your Circular, until the middle of May, & of your intention of issuing it, while I was incurring these disbursements. —

Of course with all due respect to you: this Circular, can only take effect from date, viz^t the 1st day of May 1871. — If you intended it, to come into operation at the commencement of the year 1871. — I am very sure you would have said so, and thereby prevent four months expense being incurred, which cannot now be recalled. —

In my district, I can assure you I do

nothing whatever beyond what I consider necessary, and imperative upon me according to the true intent and meaning of the Fisheries Act, and the Regulations and in accordance with my instructions . . . and as demanded, and called for by the required wants of the fisheries, as active protective services, requiring only the expenditure, outlay, and equivalent paid for, or therefor.

And I was never made aware until now, what amount the department considered was necessary to be allowed for the active duties, expenses for travel, as ~~well~~ as well as other disbursements incurred under your authority by me on ^a ~~an~~ ^{act} of the department of Marine, and Fisheries, nor that in my case, the amount was fixed at \$200 per Annum. —

There is perhaps no Officer, under your Command, can tell better before hand or at this distant day, what my probable expenses will be at the end of this current year of 1871. — I feel satisfied however that \$200, as fixed by you, will not be sufficient. . . .

The Instructions conveyed to me by your Circular, already referred to, will be the means of retarding me in my active operations, and a distinct to quote your own words, the words of your Own Annual report of 1869. Which requires the greatest activity and attention on my part. —

I was appd upon your recommendation, by His Excellency, the Governor General, since the passing of the present Fisheries Act, — an Oursel; and my mind has now become so clouded, from the effects of the Circular that I feel I will in future be infringing on a Constitutional Act of Parliament, if I only do so much active duty, and expend only so much in doing it, and no more, I shall do my duty nevertheless. . . .

Should the instruction contained in this Circular, be in future strictly observed by me it would be injurious to the ^{best} interest and welfare of the Fisheries, the management of which by me you have always approved of, until now. —

It does appear, as if this Circular will set most injurious against me in the active performance of my duties, because delays are dangerous. —

Take as one instance of the many ^{cases} just at the commencement of close time for pickeral, in April last, Mr. J. B. Gilkison, Supt of Indian affairs, drew my attention to the fact, that many loads of pickeral were glutting the market at Portland &c. &c. I immediately acted in the premises, and my report to you since, and dated on the 4th day of May 1871, has already proved to you the active results. —

This would be one of the unforeseen cases alluded to, in paragraph four of your Circular of May 1st 1871. —

How to stop these Contamination of the Fishery Act, I had to travel a distance of about 300 miles — My movements for two days and three nights to accomplish my object had to be rapid. — And had I waited to submit a case of this kind to you, and wait your instructions, and order to proceed to Turkey and Long point, I don't think I should have succeeded so well. — There are many cases where it is not injurious to the department of Marine and Fisheries to wait the result of an application to you. —

I shall of course willingly, and as in duty bound comply with paragraph 4, of your Circular. — But frequently unforeseen, and unavoidable cases of urgency may happen, where prompt action is necessary. — In cases of this class, I ought certainly to be clothed by you with a discretionary power. My official reports tell you at all times, what my active operations are. —

When at Ottawa, last August, I was instructed by the Commissioners, Mr. W. Whitaker to do a good many things myself instead of always first applying to the department, at Ottawa, I then at that time thought he done so, because he had confidence in me. — I am not aware that I have since abused in any way the confidence this gentleman then reposed in me. —

In looking over the extract of the Hon^{ble} Privy Council, dated 21, of December 1869, at the time I just received it, I wrote the department that it was a better arrangement for the Quakers than the *per diem* allowance of \$2.50, previously in operation. —

Now according to my ~~afds~~ rendered to the dep^y on the 11th day of April last, for quarters ending 31st of March last, and not yet paid, amounting to \$104,90¢

This matter ~~must~~ according to your instructions, must now remain in abeyance. —

As this all happened before you issued your Circular of the 1st of May 1871. — as a matter of course under your further instruction I am entitled to receive the amount upon the Certificate of the deputy head of the Fisheries, for there can be no doubt about this whatever. —

Then for the month of April, in this current quarter and ~~ending~~ before you issued your Circular on May 1st 1871 — my diary tells me I was 24 days actively employed. — so that when the amount for April is added to the quarters as above referred to, the balance remaining of the \$200, fixed by you, for the round year will be very small, for the 6 months of this unexpired year of 1871. —

The summer season of the year is never expensive unless unforeseen or unavoidable cases occur, but the last quarter of the year is generally (heavy) most expensive getting up returns, and attending to other matters, that must be attended to. —

I merely draw your special attention to these facts, to show you the exact position, quoting the words of your Annual Report of 1869 in which you place me by this Circular, as Quaker, of a most important division of the Fisheries. —

I think some little consideration is due to me, as a public officer, by the department, in this case, after serving faithfully since November 1864,

Before a stringent circular of this nature was issued and which I believe injurious, (if you insist that I strictly abide by it,) to the future good

management and prosperity of the *Yishui* in my district, that I ought in justice be consulted in the matter and not just plunge me into difficulties by withholding disbursement expended in good faith, during 4 months of the year which elapsed before you issued your Circular dated 1st of May 1871. —

Had you been pleased to do this, I could now see this instruction contained in the 4th paragraph of your Circular tell you almost what my expenditure will be for the year of 1871. — As it is now, you have left me but a very small margin to work on, because altogether compelling me to fall back upon my own resources, which I can assure you are very slim. —

The last paragraph of your Circular says: — "Your *afet* and diaries will still require to be rendered in the usual manner, and will be subjected to the same examination as heretofore. — Blank forms are herewith." — I shall strictly adhere to those instructions. —

The Memorandum which accompanied your Circular, needs no remark of mine. —

Thus! — Memo:

"Your *afet* of disbursement need be rendered only once a year, at the close of the season." —

This surely was not intended for me. —

In reasoning with you on this delicate subject, I do so, in good temper, and the best of feelings towards you in this world. — I am ~~much obliged~~ aware how much, and many difficulties you have to encounter, and surmount. —

I am aware of this by the unpleasant duties I have from time to time to encounter, myself sometimes very harassing and trying even to my feelings but through which you have always heretofore so triumphantly stood by me and carried me through, and for which I again most sincerely thank you. —

But this memo; what can I say

for it. - I shall say nothing beyond the fact, that it reminds me of an old ~~adage~~ ^{adage}.

"Line old horse, until the end of this season
"and then you'll get a rap!" -

Well if any man can do this, I can, and I will try. -

Again thanking you for past kindness, and with my best feelings for the prosperity of the fishing. -

I hope you will be pleased to reconsider your circular, as regards my fishing division. -

I Have &c -
John W. Kerr.
J. Duffer.

The Hon. The Minister
of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

+ Sunday. 4th of June 1871.
at B. Heights. Valley Lake, and Richardson's Canal. - found Dr. Reynolds, and James Kent of Dundas, and a small boy, and two other men and a small boy in another boat. they were all fishing. - Monai, a constable, my son George, and Christopher Carr were with me. - went out at 6. a. m. came in at 1. p. m. miles 14. H & Buggy, and boat. - - -
\$2.00

+ Thursday 8. June 1871. -
at B. beach, gave J. N. Corey, his license, also gave Alex: Rolla, and Wm. Bodkie's his license. - went out at 6. p. m. came in at 12^{1/2} a. m. Rolla paid me \$2. - on a ft. miles 16. H & Buggy \$2.00. - Inspecting fishing. -

Sir,

2^d June 1871.

I have the honor to receive a memorandum dated Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, 15, November 1867, stating all communications relating to Marine and Fisheries should be addressed to:

The Honorable the Minister,
of Marine and Fisheries. -

Ottawa. -

I shall attend to this instruction. -

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. O.

To The Hon^{ble} the
Minister of Marine
and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

Sir,

2^d June 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 31st of May last, at the City of Hamilton, before James Cahill Esq^r J. P., the U. S. Lanes of the town of Dundas, in the County of Wentworth, was fined \$2, and costs, in all \$10, and 10¢ for taking a scow load of sand and gravel off B. beach in front of Fishing station No. 12. -

The John Dyne, a fisherman gave the evidence of him. - The Lanes paid in the amount at once. -

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. O.

The Hon^{ble} Minister of
Marine & F.
Ottawa. -

Sir,

2. June 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that complaint has been made to me by Mr. Owen Bowyer of Port Royal, in the County of Norfolk, against nineteen different persons for catching, and killing pickrel, in the waters of Lake Erie, west end of Long Point, and in Long Pt. Bay, and Big Marsh, and Creek, during close season - which was between the 15th and 30th day of April last. -

I require to go up there next week to have those persons fined. - The distance is about 90 miles from Hamilton. -

I cannot exactly say, how much the cost will be, but you may rely upon me that I shall do everything as economical as possible. - - And in strict conformity with the 4th paragraph of Circular dated 1st May 1871. -

The Hon^{ble}
Minister of Marine
and Fisheries
Ottawa.

I Have Vc,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Friday. 9. June 1871.

At Toronto, and the Island - to meet Mr. Sam^l Wilmut of Newcastle, who telegraphed me to this effect, went out at 2. p. m. came in at 11. p. m. Miles about 46. By Train \$1.30, tax 50¢, beer 25¢, boat to the Island \$1. -

Sat. 10th. June 1871. -

At the Island - saw Mr^s George Durnan and Wm^l Ward, who paid me \$20 each for rent, went out at 7. a. m. thence to the City. - met Mr. Wilmut accompanied him to the Pst Credit - thence to Springfield, - to place about 10,000 young salmon fry in the River Credit. - back to Railway Station again, went

Sir,

7. June 1871.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Minister of Marine, and Fisheries - Ottawa,

that complaint has been laid before me within a few days past that saw dust is being drifted or thrown into the River Credit by the Owners and occupants of the Saw Mill situated thereon. -

Last season I served notice on these mill owners to abate the nuisance. - This is one of the streams set apart for the natural propagation of Salmon. -

Under the instructions contained in your bi-circular dated Ottawa, 1st of May 1871, addressed to me, I have the honor to lay the matter before you and ask for instructions to take proceedings against the said Saw Mill Owners. -

This of course I do, under the 4th paragraph of the bi-circular already quoted. - and as I am in duty bound under sub sec: 2, of Section 1. of the Fisheries Act. -

Hon: the Minister
Ottawa,
Yc. Yc. Yc.

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr

from these home. - Boat 50[¢], breakfast, dinner and tea 75[¢] Railway fare \$ 1.30, Miles about 60, Ry. team & boat.

Sunday, 11th of June 1871.

at Os. beach - H. Corey had prepared to beat his net, but slunk away, and hid from me, examined the Centres of all the nets, found John Taffes and Dan McGeorges Centres small, and not as they should be, went out at 8^{1/2} p. m. came in at 2. M. Miles about 26 - H & Buggy 2.50.

Found no person fishing. -

Urgent Necessity. -

Sir, 7. June 1871. -
 I have the honor to report ~~for~~ to the Hon:
 the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa
 that Complaint has been made to me that
 fish ponds are set in the River Credit, to
 the injury and damage of the Salmon fry. -
 Last year I caused these things to be re-
 moved, and served notices upon the owners, of
 which the enclosed is a copy. -

Now under your Circular dated 1st of
 May 1871, my duty is to first apply to
 you, before I act in this case. - I beg therefore
 most respectfully to apply to you for your
 instructions, to be allowed to perform this duty
 at once. -

And while doing this in all humility, I hope
 you will not be displeased with me for
 drawing your attention to Section 18 of the Fish-
 act, touching a case of the description, I here
 report to you. -

Hon. Minister
 &c.

I Have &c
 J. W. Keor
 Officer

Sir,

12. June 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday afternoon last, I received the answered Telegram from Mr Sam Wilnot of Newcastle, which I complied with, and had the ^{opportunity and} pleasure of assisting ^{Mr W} him in depositing, ^{on Saturday last} in the River Credit at Springfield ^{in my district} about 6,000 Salmon fry, of one month old, which he brought with him from the Government fish breeding establishment at Newcastle, in eight ten ~~four~~ pails adapted for the business. —

I met Mr Wilnot, at the Union Station by J. Ry of Toronto, ^{at 9 o'clock a.m. on Saturday morning last, having gone down to 14 miles} and proceeded by Railway to Port Credit, thence by team to Springfield about 10 ^{miles} ~~going and returning~~. As I had no time to apprise you before hand of this duty being required to be performed, — I hope my doing it now will suffice. — The entire cost of this duty on my behalf is \$5.60 for the ^{whole time} ~~two days~~. — The distance travelled, is about 106 miles. —

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

The
Hon. the Minister of
Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Mr. Jeremiah Corey.
Fisherman. —

Burlington Beach. —

It appears that your white fish seine net Centre is not a legal one. — Take it out immediately, and put in a legal one. — Unless you do this at once, and pay up your rent, and back rent, you can fish no more. —

John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

Hamilton, Onto

12. June 1871. —

Sir,

12, June 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that on last Saturday, before James Cahill Esq^r J. P. City of Hamilton, I had Messrs David Reynolds and James Kent of the town of Dundas, in the County of Wentworth fined \$2, and costs amounting to \$10 each, in all for fishing with hook and line in the Regard's Canal, on Sunday the 4th day of June, where I found them. —

In a case of this kind, the Constable receives costs from the convictions. —

I was myself away at Toronto, during the trial, but made arrangements before I left on Friday evening for these cases to go on during my absence. —

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon^{ble} Minister &c,
Ottawa. —

Urgent!!! —

12, June 1871,

Sir,
I send you herewith part of the correspondent's letter from the Niagara Camp to the Toronto Telegraph. By this article you will find that some of the Volunteers went out fishing ^{last} on Sunday ~~last~~ which is contrary to law, and according to your instructions to me from time to time; is what I should stop at once. —

But as this thing may be prevented at once by your drawing the attention of the Adjutant General of Militia to it. — I considered it my duty to submit the matter to your consideration, and ask for instructions as to what I shall do in the premises. —

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon^{ble} Minister,
&c &c &c
Ottawa,

Sir,

12, June 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 59, for forty two dollars. —

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows; for this current year of 1871. —

1. Mr Alex. Rolfe, on part of fishing station No: 6, at B: beach, in Lake Ontario, on ~~part~~ ^{part} for year 1871. — \$2.00
2. Messrs^{rs} Ward, Gray, and Durman on ~~part~~ ^{part} of the Fisheries at Toronto Island, and the Huron - Lake Ontario, for the year 1871. \$40.00

Total, \$42.00

While at Toronto, on Friday night last, I run across to the Island to see the fishermen, and how they got on; and received this rent. —

I shall commence from this forward to collect the rents and send them to you. —

Hon: Minister
of
Fisheries.

Ottawa. —

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Messrs Dan: McFayne
and John Laaffe,
B: Beach. —

It appears that your White fish seine net Centres are not legal. — Take them out immediately and put in legal Centres. Do this immediately. I have examined them myself personally. —

John W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr

Hamilton, Ont.

12, June 1871. —

Sib,

14, June 1871,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 9th instant, instructing me to report upon a letter written to Rufus Stephenson Esq. M. P., by Mr. Thos. McLesca, the Police Magistrate of Chatham, and dated 29. of March 1871. Regarding the fit and proper close time for pickel, pike, mask-sponge and balf.

Showing aside the remarks of Mr. McLesca, which don't amount to anything, being written at the request of interested fishermen. — I shall here state to you, what periods I consider as the most fit and proper time to be fixed as close season for those fish you have instructed me to report upon. —

14th 5. Take for instance - Balf. — The close time for balf, should be fixed from about the 15th of May, until the 20th day of June following. — Balf make their bed in muddy & gravel bottom of water streams, and branches, where the female and male deposit the spawn. — Both parent fish remain by the bed to protect the eggs, and keep away other fish from devouring them, until the young hatch out, when the parent fish take them away, under their care and protection, and go away to place unknown to me. — The spawn of balf is never found ~~just~~ deposited amongst grass, and rubbish brought up by the beavers, in hauling, because it is buried like that of the salmon; ~~it is~~ ^{a fine} ~~small~~ ^{inches} beneath the surface of the bottom, and placed where the beaver net hauling cannot disturb it. — All the balf tribe, and even sun fish, spawn in the same way. —

9th 2nd Pike Commence to run into shallow water from the deep water, just as soon as the ice commence to break up in spring. — And although pike ought to be caught off, and got rid of in Salmon producing rivers, the marshes and streams tributary to Lake Ontario, because of their great destruction to Salmon fry and the spawn, still I consider, that a short period for close time should be fixed even for pike, so as to comply with section 10. and 19, of the Fisheries act, — except at or about the Salmon

run, where they should be caught at all seasons of the year, under proper restriction fixed by the department. . . .

In places where Salmon do not abound, a close time should be fixed from about the 1st or 5th of April, until the 20th or 25th of April. . . . Pike spawn on grass and weeds, in shallow water, to which they resort annually at the time I refer to, from deep water for that purpose; and then go back in deep water again. . . . The first breaking up of the ice in spring has much to do in regulating the spawning time for pike and pickeral. . . . Without the Salmon laws or jurisdiction, pike ought to be protected.

Pike is a good market fish, brings a ready sale, and a fair price. . . . At present the department having regulated no close time for its protection, it has become a kind of fish, which any person may have in his possession, all the season round, there being no fishing laws, nor regulation in force for its protection. ^{Fishery officers} depending solely on the few words contained in sub section 2, of section 11. of the Fisheries act. . . . Which says, "or which appears to have been killed by unlawful means". . . . Refer to section 10. of the Fisheries act, for pike. . . .

3rd

The close time for pickeral should be ^{from} about the 1st of April, until the 20th or 25th of April. . . . The spawning time of pickeral is regulated in a great measure by the state of temperature of the water. . . .

Pickeral are known to hup under ice to the spawning grounds, before the breaking up of the ice in spring. . . . Pickeral spawned earlier this season, because the season came in mild. and the temperature of the water became changed in consequence. . . .

I consider it will suit all purposes to fix the close time for pickeral from about the 1st or 5th of April to the 20th of April. . . .

In a recent report of mine, dated the 10th of May last, I referred to the close time of pickeral requiring to be changed, and now I express to you the period as above being the most fit and proper time in my humble opinion. . . .

I am very sorry to differ in my view and opinion from that given by the Police Magistrate of Chatham but I can't help this! — Mr Melrose tells you pickeral go to the head and source of the River to spawn and that they do not return until the month of June or latter end of May. — This I presume is all supposition on Mr Melrose's part. — Pickeral do not do this in all cases, and a great many pickeral do not spawn in creeks at all. — After spawning, (they spawn near the surface, and on the surface of the water,) the pickeral return immediately to the feeding grounds. —

In Big Creek, Lake Erie, the spawning is all done in the creek, within a distance of about half a mile, commencing at the mouth where it enters Long Point Bay, and generally in the most rapid water. — A contradiction that they don't go to the head or source of streams. — This season almost all the spawning was done by the pickeral in Long Pt. Bay, and not in Big Creek as heretofore. —

The temperature of the water this season regulates the spawning. — Most generally pickeral delight to spawn in rapid running water, instance the River St. Clair. —

The Long Pt Bay, Lake Erie, was open and free from ice this year as early as the 8th day of March. — This will affect for so many spawning in the bay, instead of in the creek. —

During close season for pickeral, no fishing should be permitted for fish of any other kind on the same fishing grounds, frequented by pickeral, under any plea whatever. — In my district, I mean Long and Turkey points. —

4th The Mackinogs, a valuable fish, spawn during the full of the moon, in the month of May, close time should be regulated accordingly. —

This change of close time, will of course make a vast difference to fishermen and fish-dealers. - To separate the close season of hals and maskeunge, pickeral and pike from each other, they being at present all fixed at the same time, By Regulation dated 9th of April 1869, Sec. 3, in Province of Ontario, will cause them a little temporary trouble at first, but I think for the public good it should be done at once. - If the Fisheries department have a desire to protect valuable fish, I hope a new Regulation will at once be issued, fixing the dates laid down by me. -

Now with respect to the kinds of fish referred to, by Mr. McEwen, brought under his notice by the old hunters and fishermen of Mitchell bay, Lake St. Clair, I can safely say that they all spawn about a week earlier in the place he refers to, than the fish of a like kind do in the neighbourhood I have been treating on and advocating for. - This is accounted for, in consequence of the season coming in earlier there, than here, causing the water to change in its temperature, which ripens the fish earlier, for spawning. -

Mr. W. J. Whitches, the Commissioner, who is a good authority, when he reads this, can tell you I am about correct. - I am satisfied myself, I am. -

I Have &c.
John W. T. S.
Ottawa.

Hon. Minister of
Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Sir, —

14, June 1871. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 10th instant, enquiring what was done in the unfinished case of prosecution against Mr J. M. Williams, as reported by me to you, on the 17th of April last. —

The case came up again on adjournment and was dismissed, because the chemical substance was not analyzed, nor shown to be chemical substance. —

The Magistrate refused to hear my evidence, because I was an interested party, and entitled to half the fine, I being the principal witness in the case against Mr Williams. —

Of course I had to drop the case, since then, Mr J. M. Williams and his son have put up, a large tank filled with water through which they pass the stuff, and refuse I complained of, and that the public still complain of, for being allowed into Port Bay. —

The people employed by Mr Williams and he himself, say, this water neutralises the power of the refuse, which is carbonic acid, and makes it harmless, so that as they say, it will not injure nor destroy the fish in the Bay. —

This you will have already observed by the sworn testimony I sent you. —

Now my assertion that pike, haddock and codfish, are impregnated with the Coal Oil, and the real fact, of the case. — Fish of this kind caught in the waters of Port Bay, so tasted of such oil, and was sworn to by half a dozen upright honest men, and credible witnesses. — But as these witnesses failed to prove where this oil refuse came from, and as I ^{am} unable to prove it came from, but was prevented giving my evidence, and as there appeared to be no desire on the part of the Magistrate to convict, the case dropped or ended by dismissal. —

Almost every one doubted, the Credibility of the witnesses, stating and swearing that certain fish caught in B. bay, tasted of Coal oil. — And perhaps this may be your opinion likewise. —

However! one of the doubtful and unbelieving has since had this impression removed — for a pike he brought that was caught in the bay, dispelled his doubts on the subject. —

Mr John D. Mackenzie, of the firm of Kerr, Brown and Mackenzie, a personal friend of Mr Williams, will in future at any time corroborate my views about Coal oil fish, or fish caught in B. bay, tasting of Coal oil. —

You know Mr Mackenzie, who has had his doubts removed. — He will if necessary witness in future for me. — As a pike brought and cooked in his house tasted of Coal oil, when brought to table. —

In another place and before another magistrate, any other person charged would I suppose be convicted and fined. —

I consider it would be a very simple way to set the matter in future at rest by making the Regulation I asked for, and have the stuff complained off burned up. — I can assure you that after a fair trial chemically, Sub Sec: 2. of Section 14, of the Fisheries was not found ample in this case. —

But of course as you say it is, I am entirely satisfied with your decision, and when an opportunity again offers itself, will, as before proceed under the said Law. —

I Have &c.
John D. Kerr
J. D. Kerr & Co

Hon: Minister of
Marine & Fisheries,
Hawaii.

To David Price Esq
The Farmers Inn
Dunville.

My dear Sir,

I send you the correspondence
Copies that passed between me and the Hon. Minister
of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, respecting the
Henry Rofs's Trap Nets. — This I hope will now
prove satisfactory for all time to come in the fu-
ture. — You will greatly oblige me by sending
for Mr Rofs, and when he comes up to your place,
get him from Mr Martin Green the Nets, and deliver
them up to Mr Henry Rofs. Read over to Mr
Rofs, these letters which will at once show him
that everything, altho' delayed has come out
right in the end. —

My kind respects to you and
family. — Believe me Very Sincerely and
Gratefully, — Yrs &c
John W. Kerr

15. June 1871. —

P.S. — Please get Mr Rofs to sign the
enclosed Receipt for the Nets, and you please
witness and keep it for me. —
John W. Kerr.

My dear Peter,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing brackett and Strates \$8. —

I shall surely be up next week, and prosecute nineteen more persons for fishing for and catching pickeral in close time, and to go over Big Creek. —

I send you herewith (\$30.) thirty dollars, I have not had a word about your money since. — I send you this out of my salary for 6 months ending 30th of June — Will explain matters when I come up, more fully. —

Yrs Truly,
John W. Kerr

J. Ouellet.

Hamilton Ont.

20th June 1871. —

Wm. Price Esq
Guardian.
St. William's —

My dear Sir,

I send you herewith (\$20) twenty dollars.

This I do out of my salary just received. I have not had a word from Ottawa in relation to our expenses since I saw you. — Will be down the week after next, and then explain matters to you. —

Yrs Truly,
John W. Kerr

J. O.

20 June 1871.

Wm. Hartick Esq
Guardian
Huffer's Creek.

Sir

21, June 1871.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in reply to my report of the 12th about Sunday fishing by the Volunteers encamped at Niagara. --

And in reply you say, that it ought to be sufficient to you to mention the fact to the commanding officer. --

This was my own opinion before I reported the matter to the Hon: Minister, but if you will please refer to my letter of the 2^d June last, you will find by the printed memorandum of the department, dated Ottawa, 15th November 1869, only received day or two before, I acknowledged the receipt that I am debarred from doing so. -- Hence my reason for addressing my report to the Hon: Minister. --

I have &c.

Hon: Minister,
Ottawa,
Canada.

John W. S.
J. O.

So

Charles Gibbs
and all others whom
it may concern
at Suckey Pt.

I forbid, and warn you
to fish no net nor ap-
paratus on my fishing grounds.
No. 1, and 5. Suckey point. --

situated in the waters of the
Dutes bay of Long Pt. Lake Erie, and I warn you
not to injure nor disturb my said fishing there,
and which I now occupy there, nor come
within my fishing limits. --

Signed

Wm. Suckey
Fisher

Suckey Pt.
20. July 1871.

Sir

20. June 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 72, for the sum of \$21.

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows;

- 1st David Shuster, fishing station at Turkey Point, in Long Pt Bay, Lake Erie, license fee for the current year of 1871. — \$3.00 ✓
 - 2, James Brackett, fishing station No: 4, in Lake Erie, at Turkey Pt. do. — „ 5.00.
 - 3, Mr Wm Packey, Station No: 7, in B. bay, and No: 8, in Lake Ontario, at B. beach, for year 1871. — \$13.00
- Total \$21.00 ✓

Respectfully Submitted,

Yours Minister
H. H. V.

I have &c,
Schell Kers
J. O.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a telegram from you dated 23. instant, stating "paid for license have not received it, bring it to Pt. Bruce or write." —

A. McKenzie,

I have not received your money, when did you send it to me. — Will be at Pt. Bruce shortly, and give you license, but if course you will have then to pay me for it. —

It was understood between Sylvanus Young and myself that you were to fish same as last year.

Mr A. McKenzie
Fisherman.
Pt. Bruce.

J. O. Schell Kers
25. June 1871.

My dear Peter.

Please find herewith a post office order for \$30. This is on acct of salary for quarter ending 31 of March last. -

I shall see you early next week,

Yrs Truly,

John W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr

Hamilton, Ont.

1st July 1871. -

Peter Price Esq
Guardian
St. Williams -

My dear Sir,

Your letter is just received. I received some money from Ottawa, at the same time, and have much pleasure in sending you post office order for \$20 Twenty dollars. Give my kind respects to your daughter and Mrs. Snow. -

Believe me very sincerely Yrs
John W. Kerr

Rich Snow Esq
Whitby P. Office

Hamilton Ont
1 July 1871.

* Sat: 1. July 1871.

At B. beach, found Mr. Corey, and John Connors fishing for White fish, with a herring seine went out at 2^{1/2}, A. M., came in at 11. A. M., miles 30. A. buggy. \$2.50.

Was obliged to call upon J. W. Hopkins Esq J. P., and Constable Wm. Lewis to aid and assist me. - See my report -

Was told by - - - where Corey and Connors had hid the fish, went there and found them. - - -

Sir,

3rd July 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday morning last, at Os Beach in Lake Ontario, at 4 o'clock A.M., I found M^{rs} E. Corey and John Connor of Sattler's, hauling a herring seine for white fish, having at the same time a quantity of white fish in their possession, they had caught before I arrived which was about 4 A.M. —

These men obstructed me in the discharge of my duty, assaulted me, refused to open a box in which they had the fish locked up, and did every thing in their power to prevent me doing my duty successfully. —

I was obliged to leave the scene of occurrence and obtain the personal aid of John Wesley Hopkins Esq. J. P. and Mr. Wm. Lewis, a constable living in the neighbourhood. — I succeeded in finding the white fish they had caught concealed up a small inlet on the main land after my return with the assistance referred to. — The fish I confiscated and sold for \$1.50. —

I had Corey and Connor arrested under a warrant, and from the complication of the case, tried before James Cahill Esq. J. P. here this day. — — — John Connor was fined \$5. and Costs, for illegal fishing or 28 days in jail, and for obstructing me. He was also fined \$5. and Costs, and for cursing and swearing, he was fined \$5. and Costs. —

John Corey was fined \$5. and Costs for illegal fishing, and five dollars and Costs for resisting my authority. — And the herring seine used by them was confiscated. —

Mr. Corey paid his fine amounting in all to \$20. while Connor got time to pay his fine and Costs. —

In these cases all the Constable's fees will be paid without the aid of the department. —

Squire Hopkins, gave me his valuable aid, and assistance, he got out of his bed, and came with me to the scene of the occurrence, and remained by me until I found the concealed illegally caught fish. —

I may add that both Connor and Corey were drunk at the time, just sufficient to put them in fighting order. —

The Hon^{ble} ^{I Have} The Minister Vc. Vc. I have Vc.
— Ottawa. — John W. Kerr
J. O.

P. S. — While I was off for Hopkins the fish were removed by Corey and Connor to where I found them. — I had a third man watching for me. —

John W. Kerr.
J. O.

Tuesday, 4, July 1871.

* At Paris, Lemise, and Turkey Pt, went out at 8, a.m., came in at 2, a.m. — H & Buggies and Pys — Miles 75, Railway fare 95¢. H & Buggy from Paris to Charles Brown, 2.50, dinner tea and bed \$1.00, team from Charles Brown 1.50¢ was on Brook & Brackett fishing ground until 2, a.m. — Tolls 15¢.

Wednesday 5, July 1871.

* In St. Williams & Pt. Roman, to see Lot Spencer and Owen Brown, came back and saw John A. Backhouse left. J. P. went out at 9, a.m., came in at 8, p.m. miles 15. H & Buggy, 3 change, breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$1. —

Thursday 10, July 1871.

* At Pt. Roman got out Curmones for the Foster and Lewis La Fortune, thence to Lyndoch, Freshwater, Punktown and home to St. Williams Miles about 52. H & Buggy, went out at 6, a.m., came in at 10, p.m. — miles 52. See my report of particulars. Charge 2.50, breakfast dinner tea and bed 1.50. — — —

My dear Sir

Will you be pleased to furnish the Combined Reeper, and Mower, with self Reeper attached, at the rate and upon the terms you propose. —

You may order it at once, — to be delivered at the J. M. Ry. Station Hamilton. —

My son George will go down with you, pay the freight charge and take it up home, when I expect you will come here, set it up, and show him how to work it. —

Yrs respectfully
John W. Keen

Mr J. M. Dunne

Mr Hope
Ganford P. Office

Barton, Hamilton,
4. July 1871.

My dear Sir,

Yours at hand, will attend to your friend the Ashes man, next week. —

Please inform the Fish Society of Galt accordingly. —

Yrs truly
John W. Keen

Mr Dufour

Galt P. Office

Hamilton, Onto.
4. July 1871. —

Friday 7. Jul 1871.

at Long Pt to regulate the Fisheries there went out at 6 1/2 a.m. thence to Pt Rowan, but on the cases brought by Peter Price & the Doctor, it was a failure, thence home in Peter's boat, went about 25 miles in all. — took up a small gill net set out by some illegal person. — came in at 10 1/2 a.m. — breakfast dinner tea and had \$1.00 Boat \$1.50. —

Sib.

10. July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday last, at St. William, before John A. Backhouse Esq. J. P. and myself, Mr. James Crockett, a fisherman at Turkey Point, Lake Huron, was charged by Mr. Peter Price, the fishing Guardian with obstructing him in the discharge of his duty. —

I ordered Mr. Price to place a buoy between the fishing grounds of Melmer and Crockett last May. —

This was done in a satisfactory manner to all parties concerned: — when Crockett pulled up the anchor stone to which the buoy was fastened and placed and cut the rope to which the buoy and the stone were secured. —

For this offence Crockett was fined \$10. and costs of twenty days in Jail. —

The magistrates gave him 14 days time to pay in the fine otherwise he will be committed. —

I Have &c.

Hon. Minutes &c. &c. &c. John W. Kerr
D. O.

Saturday. 8. July 1871.

at St. William, had James Crockett, Elisha and Wadsworth brought up and fined for putting stones upon the fishing ground. — and James Crockett fined for obstructing Peter Price in the discharge of his duty. went from there to Simcoe and Brantford breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1. 54 B. 3^d miles 46. I see my reports dated 10. July for particulars. —

Sunday 9. Jul 1871.

at Brantford Price's and home. Pay fare — 54 B. 54 B. from B. to Paris \$2.00 — Pay fare to went out at 8. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. miles 40. — breakfast 35¢. —

Sir,

10. July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday last at St. Williams, before John A. Backhouse Esq^r J. P., and myself - Mr. James Crockett, fisherman at Turkey Pt., was fined 10 and costs or 20 days in jail, for putting stones in the fishing ground at Turkey Pt., Lake Erie. -

We gave the defendant 14 days to pay the fine; the complaint was made direct to myself - but I made Mr. Peter Price the Complainant, and produced the witnesses who proved the case. -

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. A.

Hon. Min. &c. &c.

Sir,

10. Jul 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday last before John A. Backhouse Esq^r J. P., and myself at St. Williams - Eliza Smith and Wm. Smith of Turkey Pt. were charged by Wm. Snook a fisherman there, with placing stones upon his fishing grounds in contravention of the fishing Act. -

They admitted the offence, and were fined one dollar each and costs in all \$1.75 each, or twenty days in jail. - The offences were committed in Lake Erie. -

This offence has become very common at Turkey Pt. of late, so a stop has had to be put to it. - We gave the offenders 14 days to pay in the fine.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. A.Hon. Ministers
H. H. H.
$$\begin{array}{r} 4.75 \\ 2.37 \text{ in} \end{array}$$

Jul.

10. July 1871.

In continuation of my report of 13 of March last, in reply to the letter forwarded by James Young Esq. M. P. from certain parties in Widdowham, Co. of Norfolk, complaining of the want of fishways in the mill dams of Big Creek emptying into Lake Erie, at Pt Royal, there; preventing the fish from ascending the stream. -- and respecting the injury done to the fish by saw dust, and mill rubbish falling from the mills in the said Big Creek. --

And directing me to go and visit the locality and report to you all the particulars &c. &c. &c. --

I done this on Thursday last, and have now the honor to report for your info that Big Creek has been used for several years past during the freshets in spring for rafting down saw logs to Long Pt. bay, at Pt. Royal, in Lake Erie, where rafts were made up and constructed during summer for the American market. --

This continues still to be done up to this present moment. -- This Creek has always during the last 20 years been filled with saw logs - all along the stream from the mouth to near the source, which rises in the Township of Bradford. -- The dams therefore have had to be constructed in compliance with the law, so as to raise the water, and enable the raftsmen to carry on successfully their business. -- at each dam, except one, there is a mill, and at some of the dams there is two mills. -- The dam where there is no mill is at Buckerton, in the Township of Widdowham. -- This dam was built by the joint subscription of the Raftsmen, lumbermen and timber owners. -- There is a slide in each dam through which the saw logs are passed down stream, during the freshet when the gates on the dams are raised and generally left open. -- In the spring the gates are open for several weeks, all the dams are constructed alike with gates and slides for passing down the saw logs. -- Bucks and mullets pass up this stream in spring as far as Fredricksburg, which is about 20 miles from the mouth of the Creek. -- which is at Port

Royal. At Lyndock there is a grist mill and saw mill owned by Mr. Abner Wilson; at Cotton there is a saw mill and grist mill owned by Mr. Aaron Owen, - at Frederickburg there is a saw mill, a grist mill, and shingle mill owned by Mr. Jacob Sovereign and Mr. James Whitridge owns a shingle factory and saw mill at same place which are in operation all the year round. -

The township of Mincham commences at Frederickburg, and runs back north. - On Big Creek in this township there are four mills to wit: Robinson's shingle mill 4 miles above D.burg - Mrs. House's saw mill 6 miles. - McKnight's 8 miles, and Solomon Peter's mill at Petersburg 12 miles from Frederickburg. - all the dams at these mills are provided with gates and have slides for passing down the saw logs. - The gates are raised during high water to allow the saw logs to descend the stream. - At other times these gates are shut or partly down. - Next season I understood all the lumbering will be done and finished above D.burg. -

At Lyndock, bass, pike, suckers and a few speckled trout were caught this season. - And last year in spring two sturgeon were caught, ~~there~~ and suckers were also caught last spring at D.burg, with dip nets at Sovereign's mill.

About 25 years ago Big Creek abounded with speckled trout. - There is at this present day a great many of smaller spring creeks that empty into Big Creek, on which several saw mills are situated. - These mills have still speckled trout therein, but not in such abundance now as in former years. -

The creeks with so many mills sawing continually are very dirty with saw dust, and mill rubbish, and saw logs - jamming up the water of Big Creek. -

The lumber of all kinds are now shipped from Pt. Rowan St. Millinery and Pt. Ryersee to the American market. - This part of the country of Norfolk is still a pine country, but the pine trade will not continue many years longer. - And should it do so, I believe the outlet to market will be by the G. M. Ryersee line, and the Southern Railway, both of which are now being actively constructed. They cross this creek some miles & back in this pine region. -

From the mouth of Big Creek, in Lake Erie to J.burg, in a straight line is only about 20 miles whilst by the zig zag way of the Big Creek it is placed at about 120 miles by the lumbermen. -- If this stream was cleared up and the obstructions removed, most likely there would be hereafter an abundance of all kinds of fish found therein. --

I held a Consultation with Messrs. Loversen, White-side and Rogers Chrysler, at J.burg, Mill owners, and the Conclusion arrived at, was that if the Fisheries Act is strictly enforced, the saw mills on Big Creek, and the mills upon the several smaller creeks its feeders must stop sawing. -- Of course it is proper that I should conceal nothing from you. --

From the numerous reports made by me from time to time respecting the valuable pickeral fishing at the mouth of Big Creek, Lake Erie, to which I beg now to refer you again, persons might be led to believe that if what the people of Windham asked for, was granted they would have plenty of pickeral, the same as the people of Pt Royal have. -- This is a fallacy for my last report upon pickeral dated 14 June last will prove that those fish altho free with no obstacle in the way to prevent them have never been known to go up as far as the main road at Pt Royal. -- If disposed they could go up as far as Buckertown many miles further up the stream.

Suckers therefore may now be said to be the only fish that ascend Big Creek in large quantities in the Spring of the year. As those fish suckers are not any kind of the kind of fish described in the Act, I do not consider it advisable that fisheries should be constructed, thereby entailing much expense, and cost to the Mill Owners merely because some of the people of Windham make an application through Mr James Young M. P. at J.burg many miles distant away, and in a different constituency represented by Messrs. Walsh, Dawson Simpson McCall and Dr. Wilson who if there was cause of complaint would have drawn the attention of the department thereto long ago. -- Mr McCall himself would have undoubtedly done it. --

The next thing to be disposed of is the saw dust and mill rubbish. - Those things are allowed to fall freely into Big Creek from all the saw mills, for no mill owner has given it a thought otherwise. - When I made my appearance there on last Thursday I found a large quantity of saw dust floating on the surface of the water of Big Creek, and lying on the bottom of the stream. - None of the Mill owners have adopted any rig nor contrivance to keep it out of the water. - Consequently, saw dust and mill rubbish, and saw logs form a part of the ingredients of Big Creek just as the water itself does. - No complaint nor notice has ever been taken of the saw mills nor Mill owners before. -

If the dept. now intend that I shall enforce the act, some of the saw mill owners will be obliged to stop sawing altogether. - In fact, Mr. Governor told me he would shut down at once. -

I think on the whole that perhaps it would be better to give this saw dust and mill rubbish of Big Creek due consideration before taking final action against the Mill owners. -

A greater abundance of fish is now being caught at Turkey pt and Long pt under the arrangement I have made there by leasing and enforcing in a mild way the fishery act, rules and regulations. -

The public are well supplied by the daily take and catch of fishermen, the fish pedlars visit the township of Windham and sell fish there such for instance as herring, mullet, sturgeon, suckers, pike and bass, Catfish and other coarse fish are in abundance. -

On Tuesday night last, and Wednesday morning four large Wagon loads were caught there with one seine by Mr. W. W. Smock, sold and taken away to the back Country (Windham), at a cost of only \$21.50 & 21 1/2 Bushels baskets full are extremely cheap at \$1 per b. basket, sold on the ground immediately after being caught. -

I submit this matter of the dams, saw dust, mill rubbish on Big Creek for your consideration, before any further action shall be taken by me, at the same time I may add that I have

left printed notice with some of the mill owners embodying those clauses of the I. Act applicable to the saw dust &c, fish slides, and polluted streams so as to show and point out to the mill owners what the fishing laws say on the subject. —
I shall attend to the Y. & R. this week. —

Ag. Minister
&c. &c. &c.

I have &c.
John W. Kent
D. O.

Wednesday, 12. July 1871.

At Jolt, Mill Creek, Preston, Blair and back to Jolt. Miles about 46. — H. and buggy \$2.50. toll 5¢. Rail =
May fare \$1.05¢ inspected the saw mill — took information — see my report herewith. — dinner tea & bed &c \$1.00

Thursday 13. July 1871. —

At Mill Creek, Preston, and W. S. Bowery, attended the court in Town Hall presided over by Adam Koss Eagle, J. P. the Mayor of Jolt. — Assisted at the trial —
The following cases were disposed of. — see my report on these subjects. —

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| 1. Cyrus Erb, fined \$10, and | \$3.95. Costs. — |
| 2. Ric. Blane, " " 1. and | 3.50. " |
| 3. Simon Oliver, " " 1. and | $\frac{3.10}{2.75}$ " |
| 4. Fred. Moore " " 1. and | 2.80. Costs. |
| 5. Robt. Bloomfield | |
| 6. Robt. McDougall } \$25 and | 2.95 Costs |

Hence home, to Hamilton by Railway fare 1.05¢. Breakfast
dinner & supper \$1.00 H. & Buggy 1.50. went out at 11½ a.m.
Came in at 10. p.m. miles 46. —

Sir,

14. July 1891.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Wednesday last the 12, of July instant I had several Mill Owners in Glou., and Berks, County of Waterloo, and Wellington served with printed notices to keep out the saw dust and mill rubbish from the waters of the Grand River. - I shall give them sufficient time to do this, and if they neglect to conform with the Fisheries Act, I shall then enforce it by imposing penalties. -

This duty will be under the direction of your letter of the 1st day of March last, written to me, upon representation made to you by James Young Esq^r M. P. of Galt. -

I Have &c.

John W. Ross
J. O.Hon: Minister.
&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa. -

14. July 1891.

Sir. I have the honor to report for your information that the Driftway in the Mill dam, situated in the Grand River at Galt was very much injured and broken up by logs, and the freshet last spring, whereby it has become entirely useless. -

Mr James Polane, the Mill owner, and proprietor, who constructed the slide is at present in England, but I have drawn the attention of Mr. Richard Polane to its dilapidated state, and requested that it may be repaired immediately. - - Mr James Polane was allowed half the expense of construction in the first place by the department. -

I shall insist on the slide being repaired immediately -

I Have &c.

John W. Ross
J. O.Hon: Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

Sir,

14, July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday at Galt before Adam Kerr Esq. J.P., the Mayors, - Messrs. Robert Bloomfield and Robert McDougall, owners, and Fred^r. Moore, an employee, were tried for allowing saw dust and mill rubbish to be thrown, and drifted into Mill Creek, a trout stream situated in North Dumfries, about 2 miles from the town of Galt, where the said Creek empties itself into the Grand River. -

I have repeatedly warned this firm to keep out the saw dust, which can be done very readily, as the mill is constructed to that intent, but they neglected to comply with the law. -

Mr. Kerr, the Mayors, and myself, fined the firm Messrs. Bloomfield, and McDougall \$25, and \$2.95 costs. - And Fred^r. Moore the employee, whom I caught in the act, two dollars and 80 cents. -

I made Mr. Thomas McDonough the Chief Constable at Galt, the Complainant, because he accompanied me around the mills, and he served all the summonses. -

Hon. Minister of Marine,
and Fisheries. -
- Ottawa. -

I Have &c
John Kerr
J.C.

Sir,

14. July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday, the 13. instant at Galt, before Adam Ker Esq. J. P., Mayor of Galt, and myself Mr. Simon Oliver, of the town of Galt, was fined one dollar, and ~~two dollars~~ ^{ten} ~~and~~ ^{and} 75 cents for allowing beach ashes to remain on the bank of the Grand River, at Galt, in front of his soap factory. —

Mr. Oliver has always been very particular about these ashes. — He has however allowed a much larger quantity to accumulate there this year, than formerly. — Hence the trifling fine. —

He will remove the ashes away immediately. —

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon. Minister of
Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Sir,

14. July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 13. instant, at Galt, before Adam Ker Esq. the Mayor, and myself, Mr. Richard Polans of Galt, was fined one dollar and three dollars and thirty cents cost for allowing mill rubbish into the Grand River at Galt.

I found his men in the act of placing it on the dam, on the 13. instant, for the purpose as was shown of closing up leakage through the dam. —

It was an offence so trifling however that the small penalty imposed will be sufficient to uphold in the future the majesty of the law. —

I made Mr. Thomas McDonough, Chief Constable at Galt, the Complainant he was with me when I inspected the premises. — I am satisfied the offence will not be repeated.

Hon. Minister of
Marine and Fisheries
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Feb.

14. July 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday the 13. instant, before Adam Ben Esq^r Mayor of Galt, J. P., and myself, Mr. Cyrus Erb, of the Village of Preston, was charged with allowing saw dust and mill rubbish to be drifted into the River Speed, a stream frequented by hals and speckled trout, and which empties itself into the Grand River, about 3 miles above the town of Galt. —

The trial took place before us at Galt. — Mr Erb admitted the offence, pleaded ignorance of the law, and promised never to offend any more. — He also promised to put in a proper flooring underneath the Mill to keep all saw dust &c. out of the water in future, I gave him fourteen days to accomplish it. —

Mr Erb, who is the proprietor of this saw mill was fined ten dollars, and three dollars and ninety five Cents costs. —

The fine ten dollars, I hope you will be pleased to receive in abeyance, as a guarantee that the offence will not be repeated. —

I inspected the Mill myself personally, the previous day, in company with Mr Thomas McDonough, the Chief Constable of Galt, whose information I took as the Complainant. I Mr Erb paid in the costs. —

Yours Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa. —

I Have &c
 John W. Kerr
 J. W.

Sir,

14. July 1871.

I have the honor to apply to you for a
 package of blank summonses, such as you sent
 me once before. - also blank forms of Complaint.

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister of
 Marine and Fisheries.
 Ottawa. -

Schulthess

D.C.

17. July 1871.

Received \$5 from Mr Miriam Wardell of Sandusky,
 License money for fishing station before 19420. B.F. of
 Walpole in Lake Erie - for year 1871. -

17. July 1871 -

Wrote Wm Brooks in reply to his Telegram.

Tuesday. 18. July 1871.

At Hamilton, London, Sparta, and Pt Bruce - Lake Erie
 gave Wm Allen McKenzie, and Henry Bruce their license to fish
 at Pt Bruce, also left license for Jacob Borden, went out at
 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. m. came in at 9. p. m. Miles 115. Pay fare 3.15, Stage
 50. Hvy buggy \$1.00. - breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$1.25.

Wednesday. 19. July 1871.

At Pt Bruce. Silver break, and Jacob Borden, thence on to
 Pt Burwell, Horse and buggy. \$2.00, tolls 10, breakfast, dinner and
 (supper for self and driver) and bed, 1.50 - mile about 26. -
 Sam Borden, and Burwell, fishermen there. -

Thursday. 20. July 1871.

At Port Burwell, thence to Pt Bruce, Turkey Pt, and
 Williams, and Simcoe. - mile about 48. - stage fare 1.25.
 team &c. 2.00, breakfast, dinner, tea, and bed \$1.00.

Friday 21. July 1871.

At Simcoe, Paris, and Hamilton, Hvy buggy 1.50, tolls 16.
 Bus fare 12¢, Railway fare \$1.00, breakfast, and dinner 75.
 Miles 60. - - -

Sir,

21. July 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank draft No: 118, for the sum of \$20.-

This amount you will be pleased to apply on
the undersigned fishing station, as follows; for the year
ending 31st day of December next. —

1. Mr William Wardell, at Sandusky Creek, in Lake
Erie, for year 1871. — \$5.00
2. Mr Wm Allen McKenzie, at Pt. Bruce, in Lake
Erie, for year 1871. — 5.00.
3. Mr Henry Bruce. do. do. — 5.00.
4. Mr Henry Gross, at Pt. Stanley, in Lake Erie
for year 1871. — 5.00

Hon: Minister. —
Ottawa. —

I Have &c.
John W Kerr
J. O.

Total \$20.00

Sir,

1st August 1871. —

Having reported the dilapidated state
in which I recently found the fishway in the
Galt dam. — The Hon: Minister has replied as
below. — I hope you will govern yourself
accordingly, and carry the Minister's instruc-
tion out and into effect immediately. —

I Have &c.
John W Kerr
J. O.

Richd. A. Lane Esq
Galt. —

Orey.



My dear Sir,

I am just returned from America
received your letter, will answer it in a day or
two. — You will herewith find a letter to Mr
Polane (Richard) respecting the fishway in the
Salt dam. — Read it over carefully, make a note of
it, and then hand it to Mr Polane in person. —

Thomas McDonough Esq
Chief Constable
att. —

Yrs Sincerely
John White
J. S.

Sir,

1st August, 1871,

With reference to my report to you of
the 10th day of July last, relative to fish slides
and saw dust, in Big Creek in the County
of Norfolk, to which attention was previously
drawn by James Young Esq M. P. P. at
Salt. —

I have now the honor to submit to you
a long and sensible remonstrance from Messrs
Cryslar, Sorensen, and Whiteside of Middleton
three of the respectable men referred to in my
report of the 10th of July last. —

Those gentlemen now refer to Agilla
Walsh Esq M. P. P. — for the north riding of
Norfolk. —

My report of the 10th of July last, will
have already put you in possⁿ of all my
views on the subject. —

Hon^{ble} Ministers,
&c. &c. &c.

I Have &c
John White
J. S.

Sir,

1. August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I have just received a letter from Mr Geo. Helmes, one of the licensees of fishing station No. 3, Turkey Pt Lake Erie, complaining that his partner Mr Wilson Wells came on the fishing ground recently cut the hauling seine in two, and took one half of the same away, together with three coils of the hauling rope. —

On reference to my report to you of the 4th day of May last you will find that this seine rope and boat were seized and confiscated on the 29th day of April last, for trespassing on the licensed fishery of Mr Wm Snook, Turkey Pt Lake Erie. See Section 13, of the Fisheries Act. — The net, rope and boat were given back again with your approbation. —

Now it appears that since Wilson Wells has done this, he has added to the $\frac{1}{2}$ seine net, he took away, making an entire net. — While Geo. Helmes has also added to the $\frac{1}{2}$ seine left in his possession by Wells. — The consequence is two whole nets instead of one net. —

Geo. Helmes remained in possession of the fishery all through, while Wells acted as I have here described it to you. —

What I now want you to do, is this, Cancel the fishing license of Messrs George Helmes, and Wilson Wells, of fishing station No. 3, at S. point, in Lake Erie, for the remainder of the year 1871, because of such misconduct, and all so far, as Wilson Wells, is concerned, allowing Geo. Helmes alone to remain in possession of the fishery for the remainder of this year. —

Thus showing Mr Wells that while the Dept. have allowed him the use of a seine, their property, he can not steal, nor cut, in two, nor take it away. —

Stelms has written me that Mully is coming on soon in force to drive him off the fishing ground. -

Will you please to do this immediately so that I may stop Mr Mully at once. -

Hon. Minister
&c. &c.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
T.O.

Notes to Eastwood & Co. -

Due on 1st January 1873 \$66, without Interest. -

" 1st January 1874, \$70. with 7% interest from 1st Jul 1871. - Sent him on 2 Aug⁵/71. and Registered same. - addressed

J. W. Dunne
Mt Hope
Glanford P. Office

My dear Sir.

In answer to your letter for a license to fish a small seine, between the outlet and the piers of the Ronckwa harbour in Lake Erie. - Remit me \$5, by mail, and I shall at once send you a license authorizing you to do so. - Of course this license will be only for the remainder of this current year.

Yrs Respectfully
John W. Kerr
T.O.

Mr
Wm Hamlett,
Ronckwa P. Office
E. of Raleigh - Onto

2 Aug⁵ 1871.

postage 3%

hi.

2^d August 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith a cheque No. 130, for the sum of \$31.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows, for this current year of 1871. -

1. Dr. E. M. Gorton, at the Galbott Creek, Lake Erie, in port of Dr. Galbott, for year 1871. - \$5.00
 2. Jacob Berdan, Dr. Bruce, Lake Erie. " 5.00
 3. Mef. Dr. Burwell & Berdan, at the West side of Dr. Burwell Harbour, Lake Erie. 5.00
 4. Mr. Wm. Brundell, Long Pt. in Lake Erie west of the Cut, on a ft. 3 3.00
 5. Mef. Dr. Geo. Helmer & Wilson Wells, Dr. 3, at Turkey Pt. in Lake Erie. 5.00
 6. Mef. Dr. James Harris, and Oscar Hughes, Dr. 7, at Turkey Pt. in Lake Erie. 4.00
 7. Mr. Alpha Harris, and Dr. Jackson, Dr. 6, at Turkey Pt. in Lake Erie. 3.00
- Total, \$31.00

Hon. Minister,
 &c. &c.

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 &c.

25¢ Postages
 10¢ Ink,
 25¢ Paper. -
 #1. Telegrams. -

Sir,

2. August 1871.

I have the honor to recommend with the view of reducing expenses as well as giving our licensed fishermen at B. beach a good opportunity for taking fish early in spring, just as soon as the ice commences to break up in B. bay. . . . The place I propose should be set apart for this purpose as a spring fishery, is situated, say from the west side of Hapew's inlet, on the south side of the bay. Thence running in a straight line to Mr Martin's wharf which is situated on B. beach. - including all the waters and inlet of the bay, situated east of the line now direct, between those two given points. . . .

There is a great abundance of rough fish within the boundaries I have here laid down, and I hope you will be pleased to allow me to permit the fishermen to catch those fish during a limited time in spring, when fish of every description is acceptable as food; choice fish being there scarce. —

This fishery being strictly held to be in every respect, as subject in all things to the rules, regulations made, and the provisions of the Fisheries Act. —

Gill nets being, except in two or three instances, the only nets allowed to be used and fished. —

I Have &c
John H. Lewis
J. H.

Hon. Minister. — &c
&c &c

Sir,

2, Aug^r 1871. —

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following proposition, which I hope will meet your approbation. —

Mr. Peter Price of St. Williams, our Guardian for Turkey Pt is a very good man, but he does not ~~conform to the standard~~ ^{conform to the standard} ~~needed to the department~~ ^{needed to the department} under my superintendence duties tantamount for the remuneration he receives. —

I have therefore to recommend that the salary of \$120 per annum, which is ^{about} the amount set apart for Mr. Price, ^{or the possibility} be ^{or more} divided into three parts — or so divided that I can employ Messrs. Lot Spencer and Owen Bowers ^{Salaries of said Messrs. Spencer and Bowers} of Port Royal, at certain seasons of the year, when a careful and attentive Guardianship is absolutely necessary in close time at the mouth of Big Creek, ~~the~~ Turkey Pt and Long Pt Lake Erie. —

The Messrs. Spencer and Bowers, came voluntarily forward in April last, without fee ~~or reward~~, and gave me valuable assistance in putting a stop to contraventions of the Act ^{valuable} where ^{these} our ^{and the fish are} ~~valuable~~ ^{valuable} ~~fish~~ ^{fish} were being devastated ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~thousands~~ ^{thousands} ~~10000~~ ¹⁰⁰⁰⁰. It will not be necessary to have ^{either two} those persons employed continually, only at particular times during close season, when the fish are breeding. —

I consider all outlays of this nature should be paid for out of the funds set a part ^{maintaining} for the General fish breeding establishment of Ontario, at New Castle, under the superintendence of Saml. Wilkes Esq^r.

I Have &c.

Hon Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John Wilkes
J. A.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for your information that I laid before the Reeve and Council of the township of Barton at the last meeting your certified a/ct in my behalf for \$40. ^{being} for services rendered at the investigation held by you into the finances of the late ex Treasurer, Mr John Lygo - but the Members of the Council with one solitary exception declined to pay me or move in the matter. -

I hope you will be so good as to get the Provincial Secretary to ~~sign and order~~ the a/ct to be paid when I am sure it will be paid - as the Council cannot then throw it aside. -

The Council will meet again on next Monday.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

To
John James Mason Esq
H. H. H.
Hamilton. -

Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr

Thursday, 3rd August 1871.

at B. beach, John Laaffe paid me \$10. for self and Anne Fletcher, being in full for rent for year 1871, of fishing station No. 9, B. beach, in Lake Ontario, went out at 1. p. m. came in at 8. p. m. miles 20. H & baggage, 1.50

Friday 4, August 1871.

at Ontario, Alex. Jones paid me \$6. rent for 1871. Paddy Hand no rent as yet, went out at 7. a. m. came in at 3. p. m. - Miles about 28. Ray fare \$1.50. -

Sir.

5. August 1871. -

I have the honor to send you
herewith cheque No: 135, for sixteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this
amount as follows: for the current year of
1871. -

1. Melf's John Lauffs and Aaron Fletcher. -
Fishing station No: 9, in Lake Ontario,
on Rd beach for year 1871. \$10.00
 2. Mr Alex: Jones - Weymouth. - Gill net
license in Lake Ontario; from Salt-
fleet to Niagara for year 1871. \$6.00
- Total, \$16.00

Hon: Minister
of
Attawa. -

I Have
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Received \$14 rent from Ben: Goulds. -
Postage to Rich: Volane Jett & W. S. Brook
at Monmandale 9¢

Wednesday, 9th August 1871.
at S: Bridge, Queenston and Niagara, to visit the
fisheries. Saw Harry Sheppard, John Wadsworth, and
J. Gabriel - Wadsworth complained of black
Dons (D's) Deros. for putting fish guts in the River
but had not time to prosecute him. - also Com-
plained of him for spearing on his fishery. went
out at 9. A. M. came in at 7. P. M. Mile
about 60. My baggage \$3. dinner 30¢ tea 25¢ bed 25¢
Railway fare \$1.50. - -

Sir,

7. August 1871,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2^d instant in which you say; "I cannot see how ~~any~~ you can expect the slide to be kept up by my brother, when the most practicable men you could send were unable to put keep to stand over one or two seasons". -

From this you infer that perhaps I am in some way accountable for the failure of the fishway, put up by your brother. - In order to remove any impression of this kind from your mind, I have simply to say; that I had nothing more to do in procuring the men you allude to, beyond the simple fact of obliging your brother in doing so, as he was desirous of getting competent men, and I sent him two such men in the persons of Messrs Charles, and Wesley Lee. - -

The fishway was in the first place applied for by petition from inhabitants of Galt. - It was addressed to the Hon. Minister of Fisheries. - After communicating my orders to your absent brother Mr. James Blake, the fishway was built, and no doubt, it was built well or well built. It cost a large sum. - Half of the amount of which on my recommendation was paid to your brother by the Fisheries Dept. -

I suppose one of the heavy spring freshets, which the Grand River is subject to, has demolished the fishway, and left it in its present dilapidated and useless state. - Your brother seems to have badly neglected it, and he never apprised me of its useless condition. - The Fisheries Law, the guide of my actions as an Oversee, gives me no other alternative, but that laid down in the letter I recently sent to you. - You will bear in mind, when you and I talked about this fishway, that you said you would write to your brother on the subject. - -

Section 12, of the Fisheries Act together with Sub sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, will show you exactly how matters stand as regards this fishway. —

I may also add — that Mr James Young M. P. made representation recently to the Hon^r Minister of Marine and Fisheries respecting fishways on the dams of Grand River. — — —

My attention was called thereto, and finding your brother's fishway in the state it is, I simply told the Department at Ottawa: — "That the fishway in the Mill dam at Galt was very much injured and broken up by logs, and the freshet last spring, whereby it has become now entirely useless." —

Mr James Blane, the Mill owner and proprietor who constructed the slide is at present in England, but I have drawn the attention of his brother Mr Richard Blane to its dilapidated state, and requested that it may be repaired immediately. — Mr. McDonald, Chief Constable Can show you the Fisheries Act. —

There is no remedy now, but that of going at once to work, and putting the slide in a serviceable state of repair before freshet is set in, and the waters rise again in the Grand River. —

Richard Blane Esq^r I Have &c
Galt. — John W. Kerr
D. Dufferin.

Sir

11. August 1871.

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque No. 7, for the sum of thirty four dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for this current year of 1871. -

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|---|-----------------|
| No. 1. Mr Thomas Elliott, the River fishing at Niagara for 1871. - | \$10.00x |
| 2. Mr James Cantwell, White fish and pickered gill net fishing in Lake Ontario, at Niagara, for 1871. - | 5.00 |
| 3. Mr Benjamin Foulke, fishing station, No. 5, in Lake Ontario, at B. beach, for 1871. - | 14.00. |
| 4. Mr J. Kontze, in Lake Erie, at Silver creek township of Malahide for the year 1871. - | 5.00 |
| | Total \$ 34.00x |

Hon. Minister,
 &c. &c. &c.

I Have &c
 John W. Kent
 J. W.

Thursday 10. August 1871.

At Niagara, Mr Elliott paid \$10. rent, James Cantwell \$5, for 1871. - thence to S. Por; and home, went out at 11. A. M. home at 5. P. M. - Miles about 60. Railway, H & W. R. fare \$2.

H & W. 50, breakfast 25, dinner 40x

Received Kontze rent \$5, and \$2 more names not given. I see my letter sending money away, dated 11. August 1871. -

Friday 11. August 1871.

At B. beach, found all regular, went out at 9. A. M. came in at 4. P. M. - Miles 24. H & W. and boat. - charges \$2. - -

Sir,

15. August 1871. —

I have the honor to submit the following case for your consideration, and adjudication: Mr Thomas Myles of this City, is a Coal Merchant, and has a Contract for supplying the water works of the City with Coal. This Coal is delivered at B. beach, the vessel delivering it, being anchored in Lake Ontario, usually upon fishing station No: 7. — and close into the shore. —

On the 30th day of July last, Mr Myles's vessel, the Inodine, anchored on fishing ground No: 8, in Lake Ontario, at B. beach, this was about 12, o'clock. — noon. —

About 12, o'clock mid-night, Mr Wm Podkey, the lessee of fishing station No: 8, went out, and ordered the Mate of the vessel who was in charge at the time to move the vessel off his fishing ground, that he was going to haul his seine. — The mate replied, that he would drop down on fishing station No: 7, as soon as day light arrived. — Mr Podkey immediately after put out his seine, and commenced hauling in. — While doing so, it appears the current being pretty strong, carried the seine on to the anchor. The anchor however was buoyed. — The seine got entangled in the anchor, and was badly torn and destroyed for which Mr Podkey now claims compensation. —

Mr Wm Podkey had not made a haul for some time before, and as the vessel was anchored but a very short distance in on his lot, and close to the dividing line between fishing station No: 7, and 8, and as it was Sunday, and as the present

Captain of the vessel was never at the beach before, and mistook the place where the coal was to be delivered. I for my part cannot blame the Captain of the said vessel being anchored where it was, and because he did not wantonly injure Mr. Wm. Bodkin's business.

My own impression is that the Captain under Sub Section 2, of Section 13 of the Fishing Act, being anchored on the fishing ground on Sunday, when no fishing is allowed to be carried on; Navigation had a preemption right, until day-light on Monday morning when the vessel was moved down to her usual place, and commenced to discharge her cargo. —

John Wesley Hopkins Esq. J. P., the local Magistrate on B. beach to whom Mr. Wm. Bodkin applied for redress, with whom I conversed regarding this case, agreed with me to submit the matter to you for consideration, and adjudication thereon. —

This is the only vessel that comes to the B. beach, about twice a year, to deliver coal there, for the water works of the City of Hamilton when the fishermen and the farmers with teams are always employed to unload and discharge the cargo. —

I submit the case without further comment on my part, simply laying before you the clear fact alone as the case then occurred.

Hon. Minister

I Have Vc
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

15. August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that Mr James Cantwell of Niagara, Fisherman, has abandoned his seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, at the four mile break, in the township of Niagara and County of Lincoln. -- This has always been an excellent seine hauling ground until this year. --

I am quite satisfied in my mind that the white fish had all passed this spring at Niagara, before the fishermen commenced fishing there. --

Or in other words the usual annual feed, from the Niagara River, in consequence of the unusual mild, open, and warm spring weather, was taken by the current of the River far into the Lake, so that the white fish had no occasion to come in shore for this feed, this season, so late, as heretofore. --

I ground this assertion of mine on another fact, and that is, that white fish were taken feed weeks earlier at Toronto, this season, than ever they were before. -- And now a few words in conclusion respecting the spring feed of the white fish. -- It is a kind of beetle shaped insect, brought to life by the influence of weather upon the water, and as these insects annually are found, near the Lake shore, and the mouth of the Niagara River, at spring time fishing they are without doubt, the cause why the white fish make this annual in shore tour of our Lake in spring and early summer. --

Hon. Minister of Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. W.

On the 16th of August 1871. Sent License to
 R. W. Lyuston Esq. M. D. St. Thomas - to fish at
 Talbot Creek, Lake Erie, for year 1871. -

do. License to Thomas Thompson Esq. of
 Port Bruce, Lake Erie, for G. Kontheg. to fish in
 Lake Erie, at Silver Creek. -

Sent by mail - paid postage thereon

4/7.

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Thursday, 16. August 1871.

At Jordan. and up to beach, at the mouth of
 the twenty. - thence up to the Lake shore to Mr.
 Abernethy - thence to Beausville Station of the G.
 W. Railway. - saw Dick Gilbert, and Abernethy,
 did not receive any rent. - went out at 8. a.m.
 came in at 9. p.m. - 60 miles - My buggy 1.50. Ry
 fare 2.00. dinner 25¢. boat 25¢

Dick Gilbert, has been very sick. -

Sir.

17. August 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith cheque
 No. 156 - for the sum of Five dollars. -

This amount you will be pleased to apply on
 license issued by me to Mr. Wm. Hamlett of Palsk
 hom, in the township of Raleigh in the County of
 Kent. - "For leave to fish in Lake Erie in front of
 the sand bar, situated west of the pier, at the
 "Round Bay Harbour, for the current year of 1871." -

The haul is to be made out of the Lake Erie,
 on to this sand bar. -

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 J. W.

Hon. Minister of
 Marine & Fisheries,
 Ottawa.

Yonges. August. 14. 1871. -
 J. W. Kerr Esq
 Hamilton.
 Dear Sir,

I was fishing at the Caledon Lake the other day, and I find there a net used for catching Trout, it is in the house near the Lake where they let out boats for fishing. - The lake is all taked, and I hear that frequent hauls are made. There are also mills, which throw their saw dust into the stream, running out of the Lake, at the village of Atton, ~~at the village of~~ about 4 miles from Orangeville. - I think this should be attended to at once. - At Douglas also on the Grand River 6 miles above here there are two mills which throw all the saw dust into the River, I see some of your Notices posted about here and would like you to attend to the parties who are destroying the fish trusting to hear from you as to this.

Yours truly
 Edward Osler.

Sir,

17. August 1871.

I have the honor to submit for your information a letter, ~~from~~ addressed to me by Edward Osler Esq Barrister at Law, of Yonges. -

I have already your sanction to look after the Grand River; - and have now ^{the honor} to ask your permission to visit the township of Caledon in the County of Peel. - The River Credit rises in the Lakes referred to. - It will take me about a week to complete this duty effectually. ~~that the~~ ^{refers to} Osler ~~refers to~~. - Only for that certain Circular of the 1st of May last, I would at once visit ^{all the} the places referred to, ^{see sec 18 of the Fish Act} as they are in my district - but in conformity with ^{your} Circular, I now ask your permission to do so. X.

Hon. Minister of
 Marine & Fishing, Ottawa,

I Have &c

John W. Kerr Esq.

17. August 1871.
 Mailed letter to Wm. Hamlett, Buckhorn P.O.
 I. of Raleigh - paid postage 2¢

My dear Sir, I have been recently at Ottawa, when my attention was drawn to the fact, that you had not remitted half of the fine that was imposed by you upon certain persons for Contravention of the Fisheries Act.

Will you be pleased to refer to Sub Sec-5 and 6, of Section 16, of the Act, as it laid there what the Magistrate should do, with his Majesty's 1/2 of the fine.

Yrs respectfully
 John W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr

John A. Backhouse Esq
 J. P. &c. &c.
 Walsingham P. Office.

21. August 1871.

P.S. - When you send the money, to the Receiver General - put it in the enclosed Cover or Envelope.
 Yrs J. W. Kerr

Monday. 21. August 1871.

At Toronto, found all regular. - Wm. Ward, paid \$15. for the Credit license for year 1871. - Old Dave Ward, very ill, not expected to live. - Went out at 8. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. Miles about 50. (\$4 buggy) \$1.50 Railway fare 1.30, boat \$1. - dinner 25 tea 25¢ bed 25¢ - - -

Tuesday. 22^d August 1871. - Toronto and at Whitley. - thence to Sheal point, Duffins Creek, and Frenchman's bay. went out at 4 1/2. a. m. came in at Dick Snows of Whitley second time, John Fisher paid me \$5. on acct of license for 1871. - found that Wm. McFort, had shot a Wood duck

Private
My dear Peter,

I have just received a letter from S. P. Mabey of Port Rowan, stating that Mr Provenier wants him to replenish his seine net, now in your possession. —

On receipt of this note you will please put the seine seine in a box, and send it to me by Express. —

You must not allow it, to be replenished. — The department have not yet come to the conclusion to return it, so get it immediately beyond their reach. —

Yours truly
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Yours in haste

John W. Kerr
J. W.

25. Aug^r 1871.

My dear Major —

I am just in receipt of your note of the 18th instant, relative to Mr Provenier's net. — I have no power myself to return to him again this net. —

Please refer to Sub Section 16. of Section 16. of the Fisheries Act. — By this you will learn that the Minister has all the power. — You might perhaps apply to him. —

Yours respectfully
John W. Kerr
J. W.

25. Aug^r 1871.

Major Mabey,
Co: of Port Rowan,
Co: of Norfolk.

Sir,

25 August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Wednesday last, at Duffins Creek, Township of Pickering, and County of Ontario, I had Mr. Wm. McFort of Frenchman Bay, fined \$2, and \$2.05 ^{costs} before Barrister Bunting Esq. J. P. for shooting a Wood-duck, at Shoal Bay, on the 21st of August, instant, and 20 days in jail, if the fine was not paid within 10 days.

If authorized by the Provincial Government and approved of by you, I could do much duty under the Game Law act, when on my tour abroad. — For every place I go, I hear of persons violating this law. —

Hon. Minister
Yc. Yc. Yc.
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Brought forward. — from page 271. —
and Salisbury Wright, Alfred Munson, and Wm. McFort were fishing white fish gill nets without a license. — got out summonses. — gave Abner Stone Jr. a license to fish, white fish gill nets license fee (\$5. — not paid) saw John Orrell, James Beltray, — Milton Gurnee. — went out at 4½ A. M. at Toronto, came in at 9 P. M. Mile 70. —
By fare \$1. Insurance Ticket 30¢ H. Buggy. 2.50. breakfast 25¢ dinner for self and driver 60¢ tea 50¢ bed 25¢ —

Wednesday 23. Augth 1871.

at Whitby, Shoal point, and Duffins Creek. had Alfred Munson, Sal. Wright, and Wm. McFort fined \$1, each, and \$2.05 costs for fishing white fish gill nets without a license. — or 20 days in jail. — McFort paid \$1. no costs agt^y him. —

Wm. McFort fined \$2, & \$2.05, for shooting a Wild Wood-duck, — thence to Port Union where Wm. Cowan, paid \$5 license money, went out at 7 A. M. came in at 11 P. M. mile 70. — — —

Sel.

25. August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I was obliged to fine Messrs Salisbury Wright, Alfred Munson, and Wm McBot, of Pickering, County of Ontario, for fishing White fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, at Shore Point, without a license from the Department. —

I caught those persons myself on Tuesday last, the 22^d instant, in the act, and brought them out from the Lake, to the Village of Duffins Creek, on the 23rd instant. —

Messrs Wm Hartwick, and Breerton Bunting the Local Magistrates, presided with me, the fishermen were fined as follows: —

1. Salisbury Wright, fined \$1. and \$2.05 costs, or 20 days in Jail. —
2. Alfred Munson, fined \$1. and \$2.05 costs or 20 days in Jail. —
3. Wm McBot, fined \$1. without costs, or 20 days in Jail. —

Subsequent to the Trial, those persons took out their license for this current year. —

I Have Ve.
Hon. Minister, Ve. John W. Ross
Ve. Ve. F. A.
O. H. H. H.

Brought over from 273.

breakfast, dinner, and tea, bed. \$1.00. Ry fare 55¢
H. Buggy, 2.50, dinner for driver 25¢. —

Sir.

25 August 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Cheque No: 169, for the sum of sixty dollars, and fifty cents. —

This amount, you will be pleased to apply as follows: for this current year of 1871. —

- 1, Messrs George White, and John Proudfoot, station at
Whitby Harbour, in Lake Ontario, in the
Township of Whitby — for year 1871. — \$5.00
 - 2, Mr John Fisher — Station in Lake Ontario
at Frenchman's bay, and Shoal point,
for year 1871. — on acct 5.00.
 - 3, Messrs John Head and Sal Wright in
Shoal point, Lake Ontario, for year 1871. — 5.00.
 - 4, Mr Wm Bowman — in Lake Ontario, near
the Rouge — for year 1871. — 5.00.
 - 5, Mr James Carruthers, in Lake Ontario,
in front of Scardina, for year 1871. — 10.00.
 - 6, Mr John Morley, do do — do, 15.00
 - 7, Mr Wm Ward, in Lake Ontario at
Port Credit, for year 1871. — 15.00
 - 8, Wm McLeart, fishing without a license
white fish gill nets in Lake Ontario,
on 21st instant, at Shoal point, he was
fined \$1. On view 1/2 of fine — paid — 50
- Total. \$ 60.50

Hon: Ministry
Ottawa.

I Have Vc
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir

25 August 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information, that I consider it necessary for the public interest, that a fish-pole, should be built in the Mill dam in the Highland Creek, township of Scarborough, and County of Ontario. —

The dam is the property of Wm. Russell Esq. The fishway is now absolutely necessary, because the salmon fry, put above the dam this year, will require to have such a continuance to descend the stream next year. — Beside before this, parent fish having made their appearance in the creek during the last, and two previous falls of the year, may require as numbers increase to go higher up the stream and spawn. —

I Have He

Hon: Minister,

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John W. Kerr

J. A.

Ottawa

Thursday 24. Aug^r 1871. —

At Toronto, ascertained that James Leamthes was drinking, and neglecting his fishing - Nets out for 14 days - and not in a state to go for them - heard from J. D., that Billy Ward told him Billy Ward tacked on a herring Centre, when hauling for White fish - Geo. Durman done the same thing - went out at 8¹/₂ A.M. came home at 4¹/₂ P.M. - Miles about 56. - Pay fare \$1.30. bed, breakfast and dinner \$1.00. —

Sir,

25 August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I consider it necessary for the public interest, that a fish-pass, should be built in the mill dam in Duffin Creek township of Pickering, and in the County of Ontario. —

The dam is the property of Moses Smith Esq. the Mill Owner, and proprietor of the Flour mill, situated on the creek near the Grand Trunk Railway. —

This fishway is now absolutely necessary, because there is an abundance of Salmon fry above the dam, that will require to come down next year. — Besides, I want the fishway, so that the parent fish may ascend ~~the stream~~ higher up the stream to the rapids next fall.

Yours faithfully
H. C. H. C.

W. H. H. H.

I Have Vc.
John H. H. H.

THE GAME LAWS.—As the Game Laws of Ontario have been again amended during the last session of the Local Legislature—for the third time since Confederation—we publish, for the benefit of sportsmen and the public, the following synopsis of the game laws as they now exist both in Ontario and Quebec. The prohibition time for the killing of ducks and teals has been extended in Ontario, by the last amendments, to the 15th of September—that is, one month longer than it was by the former law; but some are of opinion that it would have been better to fix it at the 1st of September, as is now the case for Quebec. The step made was too long, as formerly the shooting season opened for ducks on the 14th of August, which was too early, as many young ducks were not then full fledged. As for snipes and woodcocks, the shooting is made to open too early—15th of July—and it might have been deferred, with advantage to birds and sportsmen, for three weeks or one month longer. Snipes were killed in the latter end of August last year which had not attained all their growth, and had not finished changing their first plumage. Woodcocks are ready for the gun earlier, but the 12th or 15th of August would be soon enough for them. The deer shooting has been extended, in Ontario, from the 1st to the 19th of December, which is quite right, and the shooting of quails is entirely prohibited for three years from the 15th of last February, which, doubtless, will have a good effect on them, as they were fast disappearing from the western part of the Province.

1. In Ontario, deers or fawns, elks, moose, or caribos may be hunted, taken or killed between the 1st September and the 19th of December—34 Vic., ch. 35.

In Quebec from the 1st of September to the 1st February following—31 Vic. ch. 26.

2. In Ontario, wild turkey, grouse, pheasants and partridges may be killed between the 1st September and the 1st of January—31 Vic. ch. 12.

In Quebec, between the 1st September and the 1st March following.

3. In Ontario, no quail shall be taken or killed for three years from the 15th of February, 1871, and thereafter they may be from the 1st October to the 1st of January—34 Vic. ch. 35.

4. In Ontario, woodcocks and snipes may be killed between the 15th of July and the 1st of March following—31 Vic. ch. 35.

In Quebec, from the 1st September to the 1st March—31 Vic. ch. 25.

5. In Ontario, black ducks, gray mallards, teals, and wood ducks may be killed from the 15th of September to the 15th of April; other kinds of ducks, wild swans or geese, from the 15th of August to the 1st of May following—34 Vic. ch. 35.

In Quebec, from the 1st of September till the 1st of May for all of them, west of Three Rivers, and from 1st of September to 15th of May following, east of that city, except in the Lower St. Lawrence, east of "Brandy Pots," where they may be killed at all times for food: 32 V., ch. 38.

6. In Ontario, beavers, minks, sables, otters, and fishers, may be trapped or killed between the 1st of November and the 1st of March following. Muskrats from the 1st of February to the 1st of May. Hares, between the 1st of September and the 1st of March following: 32 V., ch. 12; 34 V., ch. 35.

In Quebec wild cats and martens may be killed or trapped between the 1st of November and the 1st of April; minks from the 15th of October to the 15th of April; otters from the 1st of November to the 1st of May; muskrats from the 21st of October to the 1st of May; hares from the 1st of September to the 1st of February.

7. No traps or snares are allowed for any of the feathered game above mentioned, nor for any of the protected wild animals, except beavers, muskrats, minks, sables, otters, and fishers, in Ontario—to which hares are added in Quebec; nor the use of poisonous substances, nor spring guns, batteries, night lights, or sunken punts in the hunting of wild geese or ducks.

8. Destruction of eggs and nests is entirely prohibited. Night shooting is also entirely prohibited.

9 Possession of any game is prohibited within the periods during which shooting or killing is not allowed, and sales of animals or game protected are not allowed after fourteen days from the close of the shooting season.

10. In Ontario, offences against the law shall be punished by a fine of from \$2 to \$25 with costs, or by an imprisonment not exceeding thirty days. Any one may prosecute the offender before a Justice of the Peace, and the fine goes to the informer.

In Quebec, the fine may be from \$1 to \$50, and the imprisonment three months. One single witness is sufficient to procure the conviction of the offender before a Justice of the Peace, and the whole of the fine goes to the informer.

11. By the 27-28 Vict. ch. 21. insectivorous birds are protected from the 1st of March to the 1st of August, under a penalty of from \$1 to \$10. Eagles, falcons, kingfishers, wild pigeons, rice birds and crows, may be killed at all times.

My dear Sir,
I have no objection to allow you to fish in Lake Ontario, between Frenchman's Bay, Harbour, and Yates gully; provided you send me your rent each of you, on receipt of this note. —

The whole amount is \$15 dollars. — No one else but yourselves, will be allowed to fish there except Mr Joseph Moon, who may want to fish a small piece of net to catch a few for himself. — Answer me at once, as others have applied, and I have not issued a license for the ground this year as yet. —

Messrs A. Stenman & Co.

and

Milton Gernes,
Frenchman's Bay. —

Yours respectfully,

John W. Kent

J. W.

Hamilton, Onto. —

28. Augst 1871. —

Sir,

According to your own statement, and admission, you placed two young men to fish your Salmon Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario, on the usual fishing ground last spring. . . .

After lifting them a few times, with successful takes, your hands, and yourselves then left them, and abandoned those gill nets to their fate, to be lost. . .

They were left to rot, and injure the fishing contrary to Section 13, of the Act. — The nets were left with decayed, and decaying fish therein, leaving you liable to fine not exceeding \$100, or imprisonment for 2 months. —

Now! as other persons fish on these ground besides you, it is quite natural, that complaints (besides your own admission) have been made to me on the subject. —

George Marks done the same last year, when he fished for the James Mills. — I cannot overlook this offence myself, a second time. —

You! both of you are equally guilty, and liable being the owners of the nets. —

I have reported the matter to the Department, and will do just as I am instructed in the case. . . . In the mean time, you must be more particular not to act in this respect, nor repeat the offence for the future. —

All penalties imposed, and inflicted will be put in force. —

I Have &c.

Your Obedt Servant.

John W. Kerr

J. W. K.

28 Aug⁵ 1871.

Messrs J. & Bowhall,
and W. W. Sparks,
Fishermen. —
Whitby Harbour

"Private"

My dear Sir,

Perhaps there may be something true in the statement of Alfred Munson, that John Fisher's White fish gill net is not full 5" inches extension measure. - Will you be pleased therefore to go down some morning early, - be there, that is at Shoal point, where the boats come in, and take a foot rule with you, and measure the mesh of Fisher's gill net. - -

Please refer to Sub Section 2. of Section 9. of the Fisheries act. - -

When you do this, write to me, and give me exactly the size of the mesh of these white fish gill nets. - don't say, nor express your mind openly to the fishermen at Shoal point about it. - You will go down some morning shortly, if you please when the weather is calm. - so that you will not be disappointed; when they are fishing. - I measured Fisher's net, myself, but it was by an inch board, which was not a correct way of doing the thing. - - When I went there, the second time, the nets were in the lake, so that I could not just then see them. - - -

There is only two sides to anything; - the right, and wrong sides. -

We must all do what is right, and leave what is wrong. - so that if you find those nets under size, and report them as such to me, I shall come down, and seize and confiscate them. - We must treat them (fishermen) all alike. - -

In consequence of the Young Salmon being let out above the dam this spring, a temporary fish, or permanent fish-way will have to be constructed at the dam before next fall. - The dam is so very low, that it will take very little to put in a fish-way. - Please write me as soon as you have been to Shoal point. -

We have had an entire night's rain here last night, and the weathered grass is and has already become green. - It is still raining, when you are at Shoal Point, you might ask Munson, and McEort for their rent \$5. each. -

Wm Hartwick Esq

J. P. H. Esq. He.
Huffman Creek.

Believe me sincerely yours,

Johannes D. O'Neil
Hamilton 28 Aug^r 1871.

P.S. -

Please read over, and deliver the enclosed letters. - One to David Bowhall, and the other to Allen Stone Jr. - You will likely find them both at Shoal Point. - If Stone = man accepts. - let him send the money at once. - and I shall send him another li = cense. -

28. Aug^r 1871. -

Yrs sincerely
Johannes D. O'Neil

H.P. - Act entirely on the sly, as regards the "size of Fisher's white fish gill net." -
Yrs Johannes

Sir,

28. August 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I deem it advisable to submit for your decision and adjudication the following particulars with regard to Toronto Bay, - and the Island Fisheries in front of the City of Toronto. ~~in Lake Ontario~~. - At present, and for some ~~years~~ ^{time} past there has been little or no net fishing of any kind carried on in Toronto Bay, except in ^{of each year} ~~the~~ ^{Spring} for pike and ~~herring~~ ^{herring}. - This should be still carried on ^{during the} ~~the~~ ^{of the year} ~~the~~ ^{of each year} ~~the~~ ^{the same as heretofore} but only in certain localities, ~~and~~ ^{and when there are determinations} ~~not~~ ^{not in any other} ~~locality~~ ^{locality} whatever. - - -

There are only three places where white fishing ^{in this locality} ~~is~~ ^{is} carried on, ^{one} ~~one~~ at the outlet ^{near} ~~the~~ ^{the} Light House, - and in the Lake near the Hummel. - - - The two former places are on the Island, while the latter place is not on the island, but up beyond the Garrison Common - near the Hummel Port.

Now! I propose to lay off a few more hauling grounds between the Light House and the ~~outlet~~ ^{outlet}. - And give each of the present occupants, a choice of ground, a preference of ground over New Comers. - and I mean moreover to confine each fisherman after that, to his own hauling ^{locality and} ~~ground~~ ^{ground}. - Doing away with this ~~moving~~ ^{moving} Commission sort of fishing that has been ^{always} ~~carried on~~ ^{there} ~~heretofore~~. - By this means I shall have some new grounds to rent; - ^{these next year} ~~these~~ ^{these} Toronto is a large place, and if they had or could catch fifty times more fish ^{these} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the year than we do, there is consumption for them. -

Of course the outside Lake Ontario gill net fishing shall continue and remain as heretofore. - and as it is at present. -

May I spoke pretty sharp to Mark and
Bright, last year for doing this, as I have represent
it to you. - But this year George Mark and young
Bowhall ^{have} repeated the offence, and left ^{out two gangs of fish} up
wards of 4,000 yards of Salmon Trout gill
net, ~~within~~ ^{on} the same fishing ground again. -

I respectfully submit ^{the above} facts, and ask
for instructions as to the course of proceedings
I shall take in the premises. - ^{or you} ~~that~~ think over
the matter ^{yourself} for a few minutes, ^{in your own mind} and you cannot fail
to see ^{that} the ^{conduct} ~~conduct~~ on the part of these fish-
ermen will inflict upon the ^{valuable trout} ~~valuable trout~~ is incalcu-
lable. - The last take in one of these ranges of
net ^{being} ~~was~~ ^{before lost and abandoned} upwards of 80 Salmon Trout. - While
the other net take, was about the same num-
ber of fish. - You are aware,

There is no law about the manner in
which gill nets should be ^{when set} ~~be~~ ^{in deep water} ~~set~~. - ^{which} I do
think a special notice and attention can be no
longer ^{withheld and} ~~deferred~~ ^{giving instructions, and taking cognizance of a} in ~~this~~ ^{these} cases of this
description ~~by the department~~. It is of paramount
importance to do so. - I have &c

Hon. Member,

H. H. H.

- O'Hara. -

John W. Kerr
H. O.

* Some fishermen in setting have ^{land} ranges, together
with beys, and when the nets are set ~~for~~ ^{out} ~~say~~ at
a distance of 15 miles - run to the place by compass.

+ The White has said just this not this
has a few minutes in his own mind

Tuesday 29th August 1871. —

- # At Toronto, Brampton, Charleston, and Alton to visit Shaws Lake, and the source of the River Credit, went out at 8 o'clock a.m. came in at 9 p.m. — Miles about 90. ^{Refuge} ~~Refuge~~ #2.05, dinner 25¢ tea 25, stage fare 75⁴ — Horse & buggy 1.00⁴ — bed 25¢ —

Wednesday 30. August 1871. —

- # At Alton, and Shaws Lake. — filled up notice for the following Saw Mill Owners. — Mr Allan Nelson, 5 Con; John Clarke, village of Alton, — David McKinnon village of Alton, Robert Meek, village of Alton, Manafra Lesson, 4. Con; Henry Scott, also of Altonville, James Hammond, United Branch, Wm Price, and Richard Church, Fall "Catawag", Sam Dunn Middle Branch, J. S. Byron, village of Bell Fountain, Leonard Hugheson — do. — West Branch. — Geo: T. Bull. — village of Alton. Emmerly Kennedy, dye stuff and gave one for each Town. — went on Shaws Lake and caught about sixteen dozen of Trout, went out at 10. a.m. came in at 8. p.m. — Miles about 10. H & Buggy #1.50, dinner for self and W. Higgins #1.00. — breakfast & tea & bed #1.25. — Barber 20¢ —

Thursday 31. August 1871. —

- # At Alton, Charleston, and Brampton. Toronto and Hamilton, Horse & buggy 1.25, stage fare 75¢ Railway fare #2.05, dinner & breakfast 50. Miles about 90. —

Sunday 2. September 1871.

- # At B. beach, all regular — saw John & Dick Jaaffs. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. — miles about 20, H & Buggy 1.25.

Sir,

1. Sep: 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information that I consider it necessary for the public interest that a fishway should be built in the Mill dam on the west branch of the River Credit, coming from Shaw's Lake, which is in the township of Caledon, Lot No: 28, and 4th Concession, County of Peel. —

The dam is the property of Mr. Manasse Leeson, the Mill owner, and proprietor of the ~~Saw~~ Mill, situated thereon. —

I consider it absolutely necessary this fishway should be put in immediately. —

Hon: Minister &c.

O. H. H. —

I Have &c

John W. Kerr
J. S.

Sir,

1. Sep: 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that when on Shaw's Lake, on Wednesday last, I saw two men out on the lake in two separate boats, having a gun each, in their possession. — They were fishing, but inquired if we saw any wild ducks. —

I also heard while up in that locality that wild ducks are being continually shot there. — The wood, gray, and black ducks and mallard, are the species that frequent that locality at present. — The game laws are disregarded all over the Province of Ontario, at Frenchman's Bay, only 14 days ago, Mr. E. Moore, a Wholesale Merchant of Toronto, and three other gentlemen spent an entire week shooting wood ducks there. —

Frank Mathews and Alex: Outhbert, ^{two off} saw ^{two off} them shoot a Wood duck. — At the Prairie, Baptiste Creek, and St. Lawrence flats shooting ducks is all the go, every place a wild duck is found, it is cack - cack, - Dundas Marsh, and Burlington Bay, and I will not exempt Turkey and Long points. — The black and gray, and wood ducks are now shot indiscriminately. — And why? because the law is disregarded. —

There is no person to put it in force. — I don't suppose there is any Act of Parliament, by which an appointment of this kind can be made. —

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,

John W. Kent.
D. O.

I Have. —

Sir,

1. September 1871.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 29th ultimo, regarding the permanent and fatally injurious proceedings of certain fishermen at Greaves Bay in Lake Ontario. —

In reply, I have the honor to report that I intend to proceed against those persons next week, when I mean to go down there about the fishways. —

I would have taken proceedings when this matter was first reported to me, but as I have had a case of the kind before, I thought my first duty in the matter was to submit the facts to you, as I have done. —

Having received your reply, I shall carry them faithfully out. —

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Minister of
Marine and Fisheries.

John W. Kent.
D. O.

I Have. —

Sir,

1st September 1871.

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of the G. W. Ry. Company for permission to get some fine sand on Burlington Beach. —

The application has been made to me by Mr John Hall in behalf of the Locomotive department. — The sand is required for use in ascending the heavy grades of the line of Road. — and is dropped from a tube on to the rail in front of the wheels of the Locomotives, so as to give the wheels a grasping grip on the rail, which appears without the aid of this sand, ^{at certain seasons of the year} is very slippery to the works and machinery of the Locomotive. I mentioned to Mr Hall that I would

Submit the matter and recommend it for your consideration. — I have much pleasure now in doing so, and hope that you will be pleased ~~to~~ ^{asked} grant the permission ~~now sought~~.

Hon. Minister of
Marine & Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

I Have To
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Sir,

1st September 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that I visited the township ofaledon, in the County of Peel, on Wednesday last, to see and find out, if the report respecting the abundance of speckled Trout, in this locality was exaggerated or magnified. — Also to inspect the source of the River Credit. — And ascertain everything about the destruction of these valuable fish with nets, and traps. As well as the injury done by saw mills, saw dust, and mill rubbish; and if the same was allowed to fall into, be left, and remain in the waters of the same, to the damage and injury of these fish, — as well as the salmon at present in the River Credit now set apart for the propagation of Salmon, by Proclamation, dated 26th of August 1870. —

I will now tell you from personal observation that there are three small lakes, "Called Shaw's Lake", situated on lots Nos. 28, 29, and 30, in the 4th Concession, and 3rd line township ofaledon, in the County of Peel. — These lakes are spring water lakes in themselves, and are fed by several small springs creeks running into them from cedar and other swamps. — I consider these waters as the head or source of the River Credit. — These small lakes, together with the mill ponds, and the branches of the River Credit, situated in the Township ofaledon, are literally swarming with speckled Trout. — Those Trout, I find from a personal observation, are of two kinds: — One

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One, with the beautiful salmon Coloured flesh, and the other the pale or pink Coloured; but, both kinds deliciously flavoured food. —

... The fish ~~are~~ in great abundance in "Shaws Lake" — where I demonstrated the fact by catching about sixteen dozen of them in about 3 hours time, assisted by a man who showed me the neighbourhood. — We caught the fish by angling with minnow, and flies. —

I consider such valuable trout streams, ponds, and small inland lakes, as those alluded to, the source of the Credit, "a stream famous in story", should be carefully protected, and jealously guarded ^{at} all future contravention of the Fisheries Act. — I have served notices upon twenty mill owners, to keep out the saw dust, and mill rubbish. — As referred to, a short time ago, in a report I made to you about "Shaws Lake", a gill net was fished in the lake last year, for the Speckled Trout, but not since, except a dip net, at Selsons Mill dam, which is at the lower end of all the Lakes. — The lakes are all deep, and are interspersed, with sand and gravel bars. —

I appointed Mr Wm Higgins of Alton, a small village in the midst of the Trout locality to watch for me, and report any contravention of the Act, that he may find committed there; of course, this will be altogether subject to your approval. — His services, however are not to commence until the 1st day of October next, and the salary not to exceed the sum of \$25, per year. — There was also a trap placed in Selsons flume occasionally at spawning time to catch the Trout. — Shaws Lake is situated about 45 miles from the City of Toronto, by Railway and Stage, while it is only about 35 miles from the mouth of the River Credit. —

Hon. Minister

I Have &c.

&c.

&c.

&c.

John W. Kerr

T. O.

Observe

The Toronto narrow gauge Railway runs within $7\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile of the village of Alton, and will be shortly opened for Traffic. —
 1 September 1871. —
 J. O.

† Tuesday, 5 September 1871.

At Toronto, and Duffin Creek. — went out at 8, a. m. came in at 9, p. m. — Miles 108, Railway fare \$1.60. — Stage 40. — H & B — 1.75, — dinner & supper 60. —
 Cashed 25¢.

† Wednesday, 6 Sept 1871.
 At Duffin Creek, and Shoal point, got out summons for James Milne, Dan: Charles, George Mark David Bowhall, W. W. Sparks, John Fisher, Thomas Mansfield, and George Stone — see my report of September. — also seized 400 yards of white fish gill net, was twice at Shoal point this day. — Miles 24. H & B (baggage) \$3.00. —
 Breakfast 25. dinner 25. supper 25, and bed 25.

† Thursday 7th September 1871.

at Duffin Creek. trial came up before myself and Orrison Bunting Esq. J. p. — the results to be determined when John Fisher returns home. — went out at 5, a. m. to Shoal point and seized 100 yards of illegal white fish gill net left (same on the Rock to day. — the Patrick to go down for it in the afternoon. — came in home at Hamilton at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. m. — Miles 72. — H & B \$1.50. — Ry fare \$2.05, breakfast dinner & supper 75¢ — gave Mr Sparks \$2. for services rendered. —

paid postage 15¢

My dear Sir,

With reference to your application made to me in behalf of the said for the Locomotive department of the G. W. Ry. -

I have much pleasure in submitting to you for all persons concerned, the information, that the same has been granted. -

The copies of the Correspondence you will please find herewith. -

Believe me as ever and always. -

My dear Sir,

Yours sincerely -

John W. Kay

J. W. Kay

Hamilton, Onto

8th September 1871. -

John Hall Esq
Locom. Dept
G. W. Ry. - Onto
Hamilton,

Sir,

8. September 1871.

I send you herewith, the enclosed notice which you will be pleased to serve on Mr. Mansfield Jesson, as owner of the Mill dam on the west branch of the River Credit, at the outlet of Shaw's Lake. -

This you will do in obedience to my recommendation to the Fishing department at Ottawa, who approve of the same. -

Keep a copy of the enclosed notice together with the day and date you deliver to him the same. -

And you will be pleased also to read to Mr. Jesson, Section 12, of the Fisheries Act. -

Report to me, what Mr. Jesson's intentions are, as soon as you know them on this subject. -

I Have No

John W. Kay
J. W. Kay

Mr. Mansfield Jesson

Alton

Township of Caledon.

Saturday 9. Sept: 1871. -

- # at Toronto, and the Island making enquiry respecting Billy Ward fishing a herring seine for white fish, also George Durman fishing a small herring seine for white fish, went out at 12. Noon came in at 5^h p. m. mile 44, Ry fare 1.30. Jerry boat 15¢ dinner tea and bed 75¢. -

Sunday, 10. September 1871. -

- # On the bay and down as far as Deseriville found several persons out fishing with Rod, hook and line. Saw the Gingerbread man and his woman amongst the rest, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. mile 10. a Boat, Martin Nealon, with me, gave Martin 1/2 a dollar. - breakfast dinner tea & bed \$1.00. - Called to see David Ward. -

Monday 11. September 1871. -

- # at Toronto Island and over to Toronto, David Ward brought me 4 decoy ducks from John Morley, gave Lee a license to fish at Pt. Union, telegraphed to Sam. Wilmut, - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 12^h Noon. - boat 1. - breakfast, dinner, tea and bed \$1. - - - mile 8. - Called on Alex Macnab, Esq. Police Magistrate, and Capt. Price about next Sunday. -

Tuesday, 12th September 1871. -

- # At the Island, thence to the City, and down to Newcastle to see Sam. Wilmut Esq. to fix amount to be paid to Walter and River guardians at Lynd Creek, Duffin Creek, the Rouge Island Creek, the Mimber and Credit Rivers had a long chat with him - told him that Allan Scott was only paying \$8, a year, while he fished 10,000 yards of salmon & 5,000 yards white fish gill net, and 5,000 yards white fish gill net went out at 4. a. m. came back to Duffin Creek at 4. p. m. - mile 73. boat 50¢. Railway \$1.55¢. Ry 90¢ - stage 30¢. - breakfast & dinner and bed 75¢.

Wednesday 13. Sept. 1871. -
 at Duffin Creek, John Fisher appeared there, took his
 statement, also Martine's evidence - went from there to
 Frenchman Bay, - took John Davis's evidence as to John
 Head, Whitehart, Salisbury Wright, and Albert Stone,
 for catching small white fish in July last, with
 an illegal seine, - in contravention of the Fisheries
 Act. - Thence to Frenchman Bay Station and
 home to Hamilton, Mile by, 44¢ Pay 50¢, Railway fare
 80¢, Ry fare to Hamilton \$1.30, breakfast dinner and
 bed 75¢. -

Directed Martine to serve John Head seine
 for catching the white fish in July last, for
 other particulars see my report. -

Sir,

14. September 1871. -

With reference to your letter of the 29. of August,
 in reply to mine of the day previous, I have the honor
 to report that I had Messrs. James Hiltz, and Dan. Marks
 of Frenchman Bay, brought before myself, and Breton
 Hunting Esq. J. P., at Duffin Creek, in the township of
 Pickering, and County of Ontario, charged with having
 "decayed, and decaying fish, in a Salmon Trout gill
 net in Lake Ontario, in the month of August 1870, thereby
 "injuring the fishing ground".

By the annexed document you will find
 that Messrs. Hiltz, and Marks upon being sworn refused
 to give evidence. -

The cases are submitted for your consideration
 and adjudication. -

This was the first time I had occasion to
 find fault with these men. - I had even a high
 opinion of them. - But they peremptorily refused
 to give one word more explanation beyond what
 is contained in the annexed document. -

Altho' asked if they had any explanation
 to make or offer. -

I Have &c.

Hon: Minister
 &c. &c. &c.

John W. Gore
 M.A.

Sir,

14. Sep: 1871. —

With reference to your letter of the 29th of August, in reply to mine of the day previous. —

I have the honor to report that I had David Bowhall, and W. W. Sparks, brought before myself and Barrister Bunting Esq. J. P. — at Duffin Creek, in the township of Pickering, in the County of Ontario, "charged with having decayed and "decaying fish in a Salmon Trout gill net, in "Lake Ontario, in the month of April last, thereby "injuring the fishing ground". —

Mr David Bowhall, gave the explanation herewith, which the Magistrate deemed satisfactory under all the circumstances of the case. —

The enquiry will be a salutary lesson to careless fishermen in future. —

I Have &c

John W. Kerr,
"T.O."

Hon. Ministers. —
He He He.
— Ottawa. —

Sir,

14. Sep: 1871. -

I have the honor to report and submit for your decision and adjudication the following case against Mr John Fisher of Frenchmans Bay, a fisherman in Lake Ontario, between Port Union, and Whiting Harbour in South Ontario, and township of Pickering. -

By reference to a report of mine dated 25th of August last, you will find that I took proceedings against Mr Alfred Munson, and others - "for fishing for, catching white fish in gill nets, without a licence from the department." - And I imposed a small fine upon the offenders. -

In consequence of those proceedings, Munson retaliated, and complained that John Fisher, was fishing a white fish gill net, less than five inches mesh extension measure. - I measured some of Mr Fisher's net before and at the time, that I found on the reel at Shoal point, and found it regular full sized five inches (mesh) extension measure. - The balance 900 yards being then set out in the lake and the weather being unsettled I could not measure it; I, however, instructed Mr Wm Hartick, the Guardian to do this as soon as the weather moderated.

Mr Hartick carried out my instruction, see his letter herewith. -

Before, however, Mr Hartick's letter reached me, when the weather settled and moderated, I was at Shoal point again; say on the 6th of September instant. - On this occasion, I measured one of the white fish gill nets, and I found the meshes only $4\frac{3}{4}$ " inches extension measure, instead of five inches. I consequently seized this net, in conformity with Section 18. of the F. A. A. - and I issued summonses agt Mr John Fisher the owner, of this $4\frac{3}{4}$ " mesh net, extension measure and agt George Stone, and Thomas Mansfield who were fishing the net. - This net is 400 yards long. -

The trial came up before myself, and Venerable Brethren Esq J. R. at Hupper's Creek, on the 7th of September instant, I appeared

Mansfield and Stones explanation of as to the offences, I charged them, them with. —

I may here also state that I was at Shoal point again on the morning of the trial, at 10 o'clock A.M., and when Mansfield and Stones came in with the remainder of the White fish gill net, I had no difficulty in picking out from amongst several hundred yards, about 1000 yards of white fish gill net, this net I also instantly seized. — And as Mr John Fisher was absent from home, I had the case adjourned until his return. —

Mr Fisher, returned home, and came before myself and Breton Bunting Esqrs J. P., at Dulging Creek, on yesterday, and I now appeared Mr John Fisher's explanation about these nets, as also Mr Wm Hartick's evidence. — I may also here state that I also proceeded agt^y Mr Wm Lynch who peddled the fish caught in this illegal White fish gill net. —

I have called upon Mrs Montgomery of Toronto who knitted these nets for Mr John Fisher, and she assured me that his instructions to her was to have nets full five inches extension measure. — and Mrs Montgomery told me all this before she knew who I was, and I obtained from her, one of the blocks on which the net was knitted. — Enclosed herewith. —

Now, I must confess to you, that I have an exalted opinion of Mr John Fisher, and in consequence of this have declined doing anything beyond taking all the evidence, and statements of all persons who could say anything at all bearing upon the cases. —

Sub sec: 2, of Section 9, gives the law in the case, by pointing out what size a White fish gill net mesh must be. —

Section No: 11. — is applicable to Mr Lynch who sold the fish, and was the peddler. —

and sub section 4, of section 17, applying to Mansfield and Stone, who fished the nets. — So that you will perceive a whole lot of offences has been committed in consequence of this gill net being under size. —

Individually, I have no power whatever, nor leaning towards Mr John Fisher, whereby I could overlook this offence. — My belief is he did not intend any harm, nor did he wilfully desire that his nets should be under size. — Mr John Fisher is desirous that his nets should be returned to him, and he has informed me that he has written to you on the subject, and he also hopes that you will be pleased to allow him to fish them out. — I cannot allow him to fish them any more. — but I have no objection to see them get the nets back again, but if so, why he should at least pay all Constable fees attending the Trial, and adjourned Trial. —

A block on which to knit a five inch mesh, must be at least $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch larger than five inches extension measure. ~~Altho I don't care about~~ splitting hairs in this case. — connection with this case. —

There is however two sides in the case, the right side, and the wrong side, — And altho Mr Fisher his fishermen; and peddler are wrong this time still I must be candid and tell you honestly that my impression is in his favour to a great extent because he has always heretofore set a good example to poorer fishermen by building large Salmon 5 gill nets, seven and 8 inches Extension measure (meshes) —

I may add further that there was no obstacle placed in my way, no means resorted to to conceal. — When I demanded that the nets should be brought in, so that I might examine them Mansfield and Stone went out into the lake and fished them in for that purpose. — and after this they drew them and handed them over to Mr Hartwick. —

I respectfully submit the matter for your consideration, and decision, for I don't view the case as one to which extreme measure should be resorted to. —

This Conclusion I arrived at after investigation. —

I Have &c
John W. King
D. O.

B. S. —

Please dispose of this case soon.

Hon Minister

&c. &c. &c.

J. W. King
D. O.

O'Hara. —

Friday 15, September 1891. —

At Galt to see Mr James Blair about the repairing of the fishway in the dam at Galt, saw his brother Richard who stated that his brother James will be home in a few days. —

went out at 8. a. m. came in at 12. p. m. —
Miles 66. H. Buggy 1.50. Railway fare 2.40,
dinner 25¢. —

Sir,

16. September 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information that I was served with a Copy of a Writ on yesterday, just as I was on my way to the town of Galt. —

This Writ is at the suit of Benjamin Joss, a fisherman, of Burlington beach, whose seine net, Herring gill nets, and boat, I seized, and had seized for repeated contraventions of the Fishing Act. — As my several reports will from time to time have put you in possession of the facts. —

A Copy of the Writ is herewith sent for your information. — I await your instruction as to the course I should further take in defending the suit. —

I Have &c,
John Wilson
J. S.

Hon: Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa. —

Sir,

16. September 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I have repeatedly urged Mr Richard Blake of Galt, in absence of his brother James who is absent in England, to repair the fishway in the Galt dam, the property of the latter. But it has not yet been ~~done~~ put in order. — Mr Richard Blake stated to me that it shall be done in a few days when his brother returns. —

I mention this matter because of the delay caused in not repairing it,

I Have &c,
John Wilson
J. S.

Hon: Minister of
Marine &c. &c.
Ottawa,

Rev Esqr
Hamilton. —

Dear Sir. —

Elgin Farm, Dunville
10. September 1891. —

I have taken the liberty of writing you with regard to the infringement of the Game Laws, in this section of the County, as I understood a Mr Green is appointed whether by Government or not I can't say) to watch the interest of Sportsmen, but the sooner you look into his case the better, as he is on the march himself duck shooting himself for the last two weeks as well as gentlemen who are in Government Service vizt Mr Woodruff, Supt. Welland Canal, Mr McBride of the Customs Department here, and Mr John Scott & others, and still no notice is taken of it by the said Mr Green. — I believe it is in your power to see that a stop is put to this practice altho' rather late in the season, by doing so you will confer a favour on the amateur sportsmen here including yours very truly
Hugh C. Eccles.

My dear Sir -

Your note of the 10th instant is just received, be pleased to let me know which of the Game of Denville shot the ducks, also the kind of wild ducks, Wells, McLarae, Scott, Woodruff, Green and others shot, and the names of the person who will prove the charges. - You are aware that no person can shoot until after the 15th of September, Gray, or black ducks, mallards, wood duck or any kind of teal but can shoot pin tail, red heads, blue bills, wild-geon and all other kind of ducks, including wild geese, and swans after the 15th of August.

How to establish the case against those persons we should be prepared to prove that the ducks shot were those I have just mentioned as above. -

You will ~~see~~ thus see, the necessity of being particular. Of course, if you have no desire of coming forward yourself, as a witness, just say, or tell me so. -

Give or send me the names of all the witnesses the day and date, and I shall put them through, because those gentlemen should not disregard our Game laws. -

Wm. L. Lacey Esq

Elgin Farm

Denville P. Office. -

Yours respectfully
J. W. Kerr
D. O.

16. September 1871. -

P. S. Mr Green holds no authority of the nature you describe. -
J. W. Kerr,

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11th instant complaining of Mr Jackson hauling his fishing seine on your fishery without your permission is just received. -- Go to him on receipt of this letter, and give him verbal notice, that if he repeats the offence, you will take him up for trespass. -- I think it likely, he will then keep off. -- Mr Jackson and his boys should know better. -- It is impossible to satisfy him or them. --

If after you notice them, they do not keep away, then put a floating buoy between you, get some disinterested person to place it, and have Jackson present when it placed. -- If after this is done, he does not keep off, then you will please write me again, and I shall tell you what to do next. --

Yrs Respectfully.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

George W. Holmes. --

Fisherman. --

Darkey Pt fishing station No: 3. -- Hamilton, Onto.

Normandale P. office. --

16, September 1871. --

Sat: 16. September 1871.

At Toronto, arranged with Detective Sheehan to go out after persons fishing and shooting on Sunday. Caught Edward Burroughs at Ashville he was out shooting, and fired two shot. -- this was on Sunday. I went out at 12. Noon came in at 10. P. M. -- Miles 46. Railway 1.30. dined tea & had 75¢. --

Sunday 17. Sep: 1871. --

At Ashville and Ashbridge Bay, found a large cheese in the bay, gave it to George William the Harbour Constable, Mr. William cleaned and dried it, Mr. March, and Sheehan the detective was with me at the time. -- found two persons out fishing, they gave their name as Charles Perkins and George Ashton 119, King Street East. they had

See

19. Sep. 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on yesterday at Toronto, before Alex. Macaulay Esq. J.P. Police-magistrate, Mr James Eves, Constable, on Young Street Toronto was fined five dollars and two dollars ^{85¢} costs - for fishing in Ashbridges Bay, on Sunday the 16th day of September. - I caught him there myself. - He paid the fine &c. &c.

I Have &c.
John W. Jones
J.P.

Hon. Minister.
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

two rods - hooks and lines went out at 8. a. m. came in at 7. p. m. Miles 16. Boat, charges for boat \$1.50 breakfast dinner tea and bed \$1.00. -

Monday, 18. Sep 1871. -
at Police Court, Toronto, Edward Burnham fined 5, and 2.85 Costs or 30 days in jail, and James Eves 5, and 2.85 Costs or 30 days in jail - they paid the fine - See my report, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 8. p. m. - ~~miles~~ Miles 46, Boat 50¢ break, fast dinner and tea 75¢, Railway fare 1.30¢

My dear Sir,

Having laid before you the Hon^{ble} the Ministers of Marine and Fisheries, all the particulars in connection with John Fisher, &c. &c. of Inverhuron Bay. - "For fishing an illegal white fish gill net, in Lake Ontario, in contravention of the 9th section of the Fisheries Act". - The following decision has been given by the Minister in the case.

You will be pleased to deliver to Mr Fisher all the gill nets so seized, at present in your possession, taking his receipt for the same. - Mr Fisher has to pay the Constable's Costs, which I hope will be moderate, before you give him up the nets. -

Write me on other matters as soon as this is done. -

I have sent Mr Fisher a copy of the decision, so as to prepare him for the result. -

Yrs
John W. Kerr
J. W.

25. September 1871. -

Wm Hartwick Esq^r
J. J.
Duff's Creek. =

Copy of Minister's decision.

Say this before B. Bunting Esq^r J. J. he
can fix the costs.
John W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Be pleased to find the minute
decision herewith. - On presenting the same to Messrs
B. Bunting and W. Hartshorn Esqrs. J. P. just sitting
with the Constable who served the summonses -

The Starbuck will deliver you up your net

The good example which you have at all times to my own knowledge set ~~the~~ before the fishermen of your locality - has acted favorably towards you. —

To Samuel
Johnson

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Hamilton. Onto.

25. Sep: 1891.

John Fisher Esq

2. Bay.

Went to the office -

postage 4
15.

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Friday 22^d Sep: 1871.

At Toronto, thence to Alton, township of Lake-
don to see and have fishway put in, in
Manassah Leeson's dam, went out at 8 a.m.
got there by 9 p.m. - Mile 87. - 44 ^{1.50} ~~1.50~~ ⁴
~~2.00~~. Railway fare 1.30 & 1.50. dinner 25¢ tea 25¢
and bed 25¢. -

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Saturday 22. Sep: 1891. -

at Alton, and Shaw's Lake, saw the dam,
instructed Bill Higgins the manager to put it in
and also instructed him to catch Sunday
fishermen. - went out at 8. a. m. came home
at Hamilton at 11. p. m. - Mile about 92.
H. W. #1. boat 50¢. Railway fare #2.80. -
breakfast 25¢ dinner 25¢

My dear Mae,

Will you be pleased to give the enclosed to Mr Richard Blaine, do so immediately, but keep a copy of it first. -

Thomas McDonough Esq
Ch. Con. of Police
Jatt. -

Yrs sincerely
John W. Kerr
J. O.

27. Sep: 1871. -

Sir, -

Fishing Overseers Office,
Hamilton, 27. Sep: 1871. -

I have the honor to send you a copy of instruction I received from the plinities, and unless you do not commence to repair the fishway by Monday next, will have to put the law in force. -

Rich: Blaine Esq
He. He. He.

I am &c.
John W. Kerr
J. O.

For James Blaine Esq
Jatt

Copy of Instructions sent

Sent Memorandum to Bauset this 27th of Sep: - paid postage to John A. Backhouse Owen Brown and J. McDonough. -

Stopedale, Hillsborough Co.
Sept. 19. 1871. —

John W. Kerr Esq^r
Hamilton. — Sir.

I am getting up a fish breeding establishment, and desire to procure trout spawn this fall to stock it. — Is there not some provision in the fishery act, by which you can give me permission to take trout in the close season for the purpose? — If so, would you kindly supply me with the necessary permit. —

Yours respectfully,
John A. Lacey.

Sir.

26. Sep. 1871. —

I have the honor to lay before you a letter I received from Mr George A. Lacey, of Stoppedale, Hillsborough Co. asking permission to get speckled trout spawn during the approaching close time. — Mr Lacey, I understand lies close to a branch of the River Credit, and altho he does not admit it, has been engaged in speckled trout breeding for some years past, and has there at present several thousand in his establishment. —

I may here state that this gentleman, has been in the habit heretofore of visiting Shaw's Lake and other choice waters during close time situated in the township of Caledon, County of Peel, and catching speckled trout on the spawning beds. — It was only when he received one of my notices recently, that he deemed it prudent to ask leave to commit a Contention of the Fishery Act. —

After due Consideration I have come to the conclusion, not to recommend Mr Lacey's application because too much of this has been indiscriminately carried on during past years, without leave or reference to the Hon: Minister of the department.

I shall attend to the speckled trout of Caledon during the approaching close time, and establish and enforce the Fishery Act, on all the branches and Main River Credit.

Hon: Minister, —
He. He. He.

I Have &c. John A. Lacey

P.O.

Received from the Minister, 8. Sep: 1871.
21. Sep: 1871. - Dear Sir.

I had the misfortune to have my net took away by Mr Kerr. they being he said a little under measure, and as it was not my own fault, but the fault of the person who knitted the net, I thought if I wrote to you and asked for the same back they being as near the thing as can be, that you might return the same, as it ~~had~~ is a great loss at the best time of the fishing and if we had them till they was wore out, and be made careful for the future you will oblige,
John Fisher

P.S. -

I was quite ignorant of the size of the meshes until it was found out by Mr Kerr.

Read, Copied, and reported upon. - See
Report of 14. Sep: 1871. John W. Kerr.
J. O. Dufferin.

Sir,

28. Sep: 1871. -

With reference to Mr John Fisher's letter herewith sent me to report upon, I have already in a lengthy report of mine, dated the 14th of September instant, laid the full particulars before you. -

And in reply to ^{that} my report, I have yours of the 20th instant, finally disposing of Mr Fisher's case, in a manner that I feel will be satisfactory to him, and a copy of which I furnished him with accordingly.

I hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Hon: Minister

&c. &c. &c.

(11/11/71)

Sir,

28. Sep. 1871. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, and in reply I have the honor to report that the removal of sand which caused Mr Thompson to act, took place from the fishing Reserve, and from fishing station No. 4, B. bay, situated on B. beach which is more than half of a mile from the Canal Reserve. — (There is now no indication whatever there, that any sand was removed from that place.) — Consequently there has no contradictory action occurred on my part, with Mr Thompson. —

No injury whatever can accrue to navigation, nor to the beach by letting the G. W. Ry (He, He, have all the sand they require. — I hope you do not consider that I would advise the slightest injury to be done to such an important public interest, as the B. Canal, and B. beach. — The preservation of the B. beach, and the Fisheries engross at all times my undivided attention. —

I understood Mr Thompson as reported the whole circumstances, if so, please let me have it for explanation. — Mr W. A. Robinson Esq., and his Deputy of the G. W. Ry have, thank you most kindly for the permission granted. —

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Ans. Brington &c. &c.
Oswego.

Sir,

28. Sep. 1871.

With reference to the enclosed statement of fines filled in by the Town Clerk of Felt, to whom it appears it was sent sometime ago, by the department, I have the honor to report for your information, that by referring to your different reports of mine addressed to you, and all bearing date 14th of July 1871. - you will find what Mr S. R. Bousset asks for. -

I happened to be in the Mayor's office, at Felt, on the 15th instant enquiring if half of the fines imposed had been sent to the Receiver General. - through the Fisheries department at Ottawa. - when the return now referred to was shown me and I was presented by Mr John Dyke Town Clerk, for my signature. - - This I declined doing because as I then stated, I made my return at the end of the year, in which I would then include the names now inserted in this return. -

This explanation will I hope prove to you satisfactory. -

I Have &c
John W. Bent
F. O.

Hon. Ministers.
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

Sir,

28. Sep: 1871.

I have the honor to state for your information, that Mr Phil D. Bates, for many years a fisherman, and more recently a fish dealer, &c. has applied to me to be allowed to take some sand off the Fishery Reserve on the B. beach, L. Ontario.

I have much pleasure in recommending Mr Bates application, and I hope you will be pleased to grant the same. —

Mr Bates lives in the township of Barton, on the waters of B. Bay. —

As a fisherman he is entitled to this indulgence without paying for it. — he requires it for building purposes. —

I Have &c
John D. Bates
B.D.

Hon. Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

Thursday 28. Sep: 1871.

at B. beach all regular, went out at 1. p.m. came in at 4 p.m. miles 24. H&H buggy - 1.50 paid tolls 10¢

Friday. 29. Sep: 1871.

At Weynora, Lake Ontario to see Paddy Hand. Went out at 8. a.m. Came in at 5. p.m. — Miles 30. Railway fare 40¢ dinner 25¢ H&H buggy 1.50. —

Sir,

20. September 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday before James Leslie Esq. J. R. Police Magistrate - Hamilton. Mr D. M. Corey, a fisherman on B. beach, was summoned up by Mr Thompson the Light House Keeper, and Foreman, at B. Canal, B. beach, Lake Ontario, for taking a ^{load} of sand from the fishing reserve and delivering the same to the G. W. Ry Company here, for the purposes described in my application to you of the 14th instant, and to which you gave your consent per answer dated 4th of September instant. . . .

It appears Mr Thompson was put in for the cost, the case being dismissed after a copy of my application and your reply thereto had been read in court. . . .

It appears that Mr Thompson entertains hard feelings ag^t Corey, ^{as report says} owing to some money being stolen from his house by a man named McCarthy, who was a lodger in Corey's the night before the robbery was committed. . . . When the case was dismissed Thompson directed Corey or rather Mr John Stoll of the Loc: dep^t of the G. W. Railway - that unless they applied to him in future, he would stop them taking the sand. - Mr Stoll it is said replied he thought it was unnecessary to do this, because he had already your permission in his possession. - in the premises. -

It appears now that the G. W. Ry Company has been in the habit of taking sand for years past off the beach, but Mr Thompson never interfered until now. -

About 3 weeks ago Mr Thompson complained to me that Corey took the sand, and he wanted me to prosecute him, and he would be the witness. I was then on my way to Duffin Creek. - On my return home, I met Mr John Stoll, Foreman of the Loc: & Cas department, who told me that Mr Thompson had stopped Corey from taking the sand for

the J. M. Ry. and asked me to apply to you in behalf of that company, which I did. —

I was instructed by the Dept. before Confederation took place to prevent vessels from Toronto, and other ports taking sand from B. beach, this I have repeatedly done. — I have this year fined Mr. James of Dundas for taking sand of the Fishing Reserve. —

This is the first time Mr. Thompson has attempted to do anything of the kind, except that he recently stopped Joe Hunt taking a snow load (Coy's snow) off the fishing reserve for Mr. Philo D. Bate a fisherman and fish-dealer. — The sand taken now, as referred to was not taken from near the Canal, and was no injury to the fishing reserve nor to the B. Canal whatever. —

A great quantity of sand being daily taken from the Beach for building purposes, foundations and for marble works &c. &c., still Mr. Thompson does not interfere with the person taking the sand. —

I believe a handsome revenue can be made by charging twenty of a wagon load for sand taken by builders off the fishing reserve at a place situated about 3 miles from the Canal. — It is Government property & the person will grudge paying this amount, and I can collect it, if you only say so. — A small charge should be made by the Fishing department for the privilege of taking it. — Altho Mr. Thompson holds a letter in his possession dated 1866, signed by D. Brown Engineer Branch, Board of Works instructing him to prevent persons taking sand off the beach. This letter was sent to him I believe at the time Charles Magill Esq. M. P. P. got permission from the Government to get sand and gravel from the Joe down beach, for the City of Hamilton, before Confederation took place. —

I regret extremely at being obliged to report a matter of this kind knowing as I do, that Mr. Thompson as Light House Keeper &c. is an Employee, on the B. Canal at B. beach

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under the Marine branch - while I exercise my official duties, under the Fisheries branch of the Department there also. -

Mr Thompson is an excellent officer, and has at all times afforded me great assistance both by night, and by day, and I must do him justice in saying he has never clashed with me before. -

I Have &c.

Hon: Ministers.
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
D.O.

My dear Sir,

With reference to your asking me a few days ago, if the Long point company, could sublet the fisheries at Long point, to an American who would supply the Simcoe Market, &c. &c. &c. with fish, as represented by Col: Sisdale, the company solicitor. - I have the honor to enclose you a "public notice", which will point out to the Dominion Law on the subject. -

I Have the Honor to be,
With due respect,
Your Obedt Servant.
John W. Kerr
D.O.

John S. Mackenzie Esq^r
Secretary,
Long pt Company,
Hamilton. -

Hamilton, Onto
2d October 1871. -

2^d October 1871. -

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th of September last, asking permission to go down to Pt Union and fish this fall, for White fish. You can do so, on those conditions that you propose. -

Your gill nets, must be full 5" inches extension measure. Mr Moon, has not leased the ground there, this year. - Messrs Sen, Marsh, and John Fisher will be there. - -

Mr Moon, has a small piece of net, which you can fish for him. - - And now my advice to you, be steady, and sober and industriously attend to your fishing for the remainder of this season. - I went down to see you twice, yes! three times, some time ago, I did see you, but I could do no business.

When I see you, I can arrange the rent with you. - There is good fishing at Pt Union, but remember my advice to you; I speak to you as a friend who wishes you well. -

Mr James Banerther,
Fisherman. -

Keslierville P. Office. +

Yrs sincerely
John A. Backhouse

P.O. Hamilton, Onto. -

My dear Sir. -

Darius Beem of Walsingham has hogs, and corn on which the Constable can levy, for fine and costs, if not already done. -

I think it is likely Mr Owen Bowes of Pt Royal, would direct John Mac-Donald how he could succeed, if he applied to him. -

John Mac, might try him at all events. -

Yrs respectfully
John A. Backhouse

P.O.

2. Oct. 1871. -

John A. Backhouse Esq^r.

J. P. &c. &c.
Walsingham P. Office,
Co. of Norfolk.

My dear Paddy. —

I presented your order to Mr. John Davis, his reply was, that he owed you no money, I said, did he not send you two boxes of fish, last week, he replied you did, but that he gave you off 20, to buy thread, and you owe him \$20, more besides, and when you send him fish to meet all this, he would then accept your order. — and pay me the \$11. —

This is now the state of things, as regards your rent for the last two years, I shall trouble Mr. Davis no more on your acct.

The rent must be paid, you must become sober, and attentive to your fishing, — or you must stop fishing altogether. — I thought I had nothing more to do, but ask the money, from what you said to me, and I would get it. —

Yrs truly —

John W. Davis,

J. W. Davis

Hamilton Onto.

2^d October 1871. —

Mr Pat Stand. —

Fisherman —

Wynona P. Office, —

Saltfleet, Onto.

~~By power~~

In the Common Pleas. -

Benjamin Loise,
Plaintiff,
vs.
John W. Kent,
Defendant.

The day of October, in the
year of our Lord 1871. -

The defendant by John Barr, his Attorney,
says: That he is not guilty. - -

John Barr,
Defendants Attorney. -

My Statute. -

Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada. -

Chapter 126, Sections 1, 9, 10, 16, and 20, -

Act of the Dominion Parliament, 31st Victoria,
Chapter 60, Sections 1, 2, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. -

Public Acts. -

Sir,

3 October 1871.

In obedience to your instructions, I have
employed counsel to defend me in the case of
Benjamin Loise. - I send you herewith a copy
of the Pleas. - If Mr Whitaker, would be pleased
to read over the Acts of Parliament quoted, he will see
how the case stands. - - And may be able to suggest
amendment, which his clear and accurate knowledge
of law, will enable him to do. -

I shall hardly beat Benjamin Loise, in
this suit,

I Have &c.

John W. Kent
D. O.,

Hon: Minister of
J. J. J.

Sir.

3. October 1871. -

I have the honor to send you my diary for the quarter ending on the 30th day of September 1871. - together with incidental charges consequent thereto, which I hope will prove to you satisfactory. -

The total number of miles travelled during the quarter was 2101. - Being at the rate of about 74 all round, thus: -

1	2	To, amount of diary for the quarter	\$ 151.984
1	2	" W. Higgins of Alton - Leduc. -	15.00
2	3	" John W. Kerr. Telegrams. -	3.50
3	"	" Messrs. Duncan, Stuart & Co. - Hamilton. -	1.25
4	"	" J. E. Ritchie, M. M. - do,	1.24
5	-	" John W. Kerr, in lieu of Office Rent. -	5.00
6	-	" Nathan Woodward - Boat Hire. -	5.00
7	-	" D. B. Okeefe, plan and survey. -	10.20
8	-	" John W. Kerr, Copies of papers. -	3.00
9	-	" John Kerr, Law Costs. - fees. -	20.00
10	-	" Fred Kerr Boatman. -	15.00

All of which is respectfully submitted, \$ 231.17

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. Minister

H. H. H.

Ottawa.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 27th of September, complaining of Robert Jackson of Turkey point, for trespassing upon the fishing of George Helmes, at present in your charge for him at Turkey point. - and in reply, I have to inform you that I shall endeavour to get up there next week, but if he continues his domineering conduct, and language over you. - just tell him from me to leave that \$20, fine ready, that I imposed upon him last spring; when I do come up, for as sure as I ~~live~~ am a living man I shall put it in force. - if he gives you further annoyance or if he does not stop at once, go before John A. Backhouse Esq. J. P., the efficient Magistrate at Walsingham, near St. Williams, and lay your complaint before him, and he will fine him at once, and confiscate his net, ropes and boat. - Give my kind respects to the Squire, when you go up there. - He can send down John Place, the Constable to take the net ropes and boat into his possession. - just as soon as you prove the case against him. - Nothing but very extreme measures will settle Robert Jackson.

~~Just~~ go to him (Robert Jackson) Grace, as soon as you get this letter, read it over to him, and if he still persists in his wayward, headstrong course haul him up. - You know the limits and boundaries of Helmes' fishing ground as he holds by licence at Turkey Pt. as well perhaps as any man living there, so can have no excuse in delaying to do this. -

("This is private") (If there is any thing else wrong up there, will you be pleased to write me about it?)

If Jackson is fined, for what you complain of, you may tell him from me, I shall never give him another licence. -

Remember me to Susan and Sam Gibbs.

Yrs truly

Robert Helmes,

D. O.

Hamilton Ont.

3 October 1871.

Wm Oscar Hughes,

Turkey point,

Normandale, N. York

October 3^d 1871. ---

paid postage 64 }
 do. - - 74 } 194
 do 64 }

Mailed a/c today. - and copies of pleas in case
 Isaac vs Kerr. - -

Wrote Sam Wilson - a public and
 private letter. - John W. Kerr J.O.

P.S., Should you bring Robert Jackson before
 John A. Backhouse Esq. J. P., before I come
 up, and any difficulty may be in the way
 adjourn the case, until I get up, Give Robert
 Jackson the enclosed note.

John W. Kerr

Mr Robert Jackson.

Fisherman,

Seneca Point,

Sir,

Oscar Hugheson and
 George Helms, have complained
 of you for fishing on Helms' fishing ground
 without his consent, and permission. I want
 you to desist, otherwise the law will have to
 take its course, and be meted out to you in
 full. - I don't care about what language
 you use towards me, but I want you to
 be careful how break the fishing laws again

Yours
 John W. Kerr
 J.O.

Hamilton, Onto.

3. October 1871,

Sir,

9, October 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday night last, between ten, and eleven o'clock p.m., accompanied by J. H. Corey and my son Fred, I succeeded in finding three nets, herring gill, set in Lake Ontario, in front of Benjamin Joyce house, situated on B. beach. —

During the day, on Thursday last, I stepped into the Market here, where Dan: McGoyne, the fisherman, informed me that Ben: Joyce was fishing gill nets on his fishery, and within his fishery limits, without his permission, and begged to complain of him to me for doing so. I informed Dan, I would come down, and see him at the beach and I would seize the nets, Joyce having no license to fish there; In order to be prepared for any emergency that might happen, I engaged the service of Mr Sam McKee of this place, a Constable, and had him conveyed by horse and buggy to the north neck of the beach, near the residence of W. J. Seneca Esq there to meet me which he did, about fifteen minutes after I had made the seizure of the above nets. — Previous to the seizure according to the arrangement, between myself and Dan: McGoyne I called upon him at his house, where he and his wife stated openly to me, that Sam: Corey, employed by them to fish there for them saw Richard Joyce, set out a net that day, in a certain place from which he Corey had lifted one net of theirs a short time before, that got rolled up by the current. — They described to me that Joyce did not fasten their nets on the shore by lines, and stakes as his men had done, but that I would find Joyce nets anchored outside to large sunken stones. —

This statement I found afterwards to be accurately the case, in every instance. —

After the seizure, I saw McGoyne fisherman Sam: Corey, and Henry Podkin, at their Camp on the beach, and enquired where they had Dan McGoyne's nets set, and Henry Podkin showed me where they were set but I did not touch them. — I then asked Henry where it was he lifted the net, that was rolled by the current, and they pointed out the place, and told me it was there

that Richard Joyce bet his net immediately afterwards. — It was in this place I found one of Joyce's nets already alluded to. — Henry Bodkin told me also, that the other nets belonging to Ben: Joyce, were set in Lake Ontario where I had found them. — While we were talking together on the beach, Rich Joyce, came up, in the opposite direction from where I found and seized Joyce's nets, and bid good night. — I immediately left, to meet McLea's, and J. H. Carey, whom I left in the boat with one of my sons a few minutes before. — I met McLea's at the place appointed, and sent him to apprise Ben: Joyce, that I had seized his nets for fishing the same without having first obtained a license from the department, McLea's found Mrs Joyce, wife of Ben: Joyce, and informed her, that what I had done, and that I had sent him to tell them so, Richard the son was also present. — Mrs Joyce said in reply, she knew all that an hour ago, and that they, the Joyses would get a warrant out the next day, ag^t me for stealing their nets. — We were not molested in any way except with foul language, and great abuse ^{used} altogether by Mrs Joyce. —

On the next day Friday, Dan: McFoyne and Ben: Joyce, went before James Cahill Esq^r J. P., and by attempted perfidy, tried the old dodge of getting a search warrant ag^t me for stealing the nets, thus trying to embarrass me, but they failed in their villainous attempt. — Having exhausted their depraved endeavours to accomplish this object, which was merely intended to annoy me &c, Dan: McFoyne next displayed more perfidy by designating McLea's and myself in the public market place here, robbers, for stealing 540 yards of his herring gill nets, an operation utterly unfounded, as the sequel will show. —

After all this happened in the City of Hamilton, and McFoyne &c, found himself foiled, he made his way to my place, accompanied by Jacob Carey, and commenced by saying I had seized 540 yards of his net, with a small portion of Ben: Joyce's, that he and Joyce had been before James Cahill Esq^r J. P.

J. P., but if I would give it up he would push the matter no further, and would pay Cost. — That if I did not give up the nets he would take out a warrant ag^t me for stealing his nets; He came now to demand them from me, had his horse and buggy with him to take them home. — We had a hot time of it, for a few minutes, he cooled down, prevaricated, and the interview ended by my telling him it was a foul combination, that he did not own one yard of the 700 yards I had seized, that his own men his wife and himself had already previously said the nets, they were Ben; Joice's, that the men saw Dick Joice set them and I did not believe one word of the statement, he was then making to me about the nets. —

That when I collected all the particulars, I would submit the matter to you, and take your instruction for my guidance. — Dan: McJoyne even brought Jacob Corey, son to G. H. Corey to me who on seeing the nets, I had seized told me they belonged to Dan: McJoyne. This Corey, said this because Dan: McJoyne told him to do so. —

Such Contaminated people, as I have to deal with in this case, the following statement, which is true will prove to you beyond a demonstration. —

1st Take for instance, the statement of Richard Joice's as ag^t Dan: McJoyne's own statement as to the ownership of these nets. — Richard states he set out ~~these~~ these gangs of Nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of his father's house where J. W. Kerr, Overseer of Fisheries found them. — That he was fishing them with Dan: McJoyne's permission. —

Mr Joice corroborates his son's statement, and says further, that his daughter saw us in the boat going through the Canal, on Thursday night, before I made the seizure, and that she apprised her that the Nets were being seized by me. —

But in order to place Dan: McJoyne in his true position, before you I send you the statement of Ben: Joice himself, taken before James Cahill Esq^r J. P., the Police Magistrate of this

city, and this statement will show you what a depraved character Dan: McFoyne is. —

I am now you will perceive after a lengthened struggle, become master of the position over those delinquent fishermen. — Ben: Joice himself thinks I have been too severe upon him, seems to regret his past stubborn misconduct, and says if the nets are restored to him, and he is granted a license he will never offend any more. — He throws himself upon the Clemency of the Hon the Minister. —

As I have no personal feelings to gratify as against Ben: Joice, although he has given me great annoyance, both himself, his boys even to his wife, still as our fishing act, (section 16.) was not passed to oppress, and as Mr Joice seems at last to be brought to his senses; I have much pleasure in recommending to you, that those gill nets I have seized in this instance, be restored to him without delay, he paying expenses of seizure, and give security for future good behaviour. —

And now in conclusion, as regard the gross misconduct of Dan: McFoyne, for violating his license, (and attempting to get goods under false pretences) in the face of a special clause therein by subletting, a thing he has no power and was expressly forbidden to do, thereby combining to shroud the department, by allowing Ben: Joice, whose former license you cancelled to fish again, without a license from the department, and also for improperly designating me a robber, in the public (street) market place of this city, thereby thinking by and attempting by falsehood, and calumny to shield himself. —

I recommend that the department, should mark their displeasure of such vile conduct, by terms of severity, equal to that already inflicted upon Ben: Joice. —

That is to say: Cancel his license, for the remainder of this year, and order that

no license be given to him at all next year. —

I never witnessed anything equal to the depraved character of this Dan: McJynne before in a fisherman, who's threatening in telling me Ben: Joyce was fishing after he gave him leave under Sec: 13, of the I. Act. — a permission, however, that was done away with, by regulation, dated subsequently, the 23. of August 1870.

Then his base conduct in applying for a search warrant, to take back the nets fraudulently from me I had legally seized upon his own information, by stating a falsehood to the Police Magistrate, actually putting himself forward to swear lies, rather than as he expected it, be overruled by me.

All this, is respectfully submitted for your adjudication, and consideration. —

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. A.

Hon: the Minister
F. F. F.
O. W. W.

Copy. Hamilton, Oct. 7. 1871. —

I, Benjamin Joyce of Burlington beach, Yeoman hereby declare and say that the three nets seized by John W. Kerr Esq. Fishing Officer of Barton in the Hamilton District on the night of Thursday last, in Lake Ontario in front of my place on Burlington beach, were and are my own property, and not the property, or net or nets of Daniel McJynne.

Dated 7. October 1871.

Witness James Cahill.

Benjamin Joyce,
mark

Thursday 5. October 1841, & Friday 6th. -
 at B. beach, at Sam. McFoyne and Fred^d Coeys, on the
 north neck of the beach, seized nets. - see my report of
 the 9th instant. - went out 5. p. m. came in at 4. a. m. -
 in buggy and boat. Miles about 30. - charges #3.

Thursday 5. October 1841. - & Friday 6th.
 Geo. R. Kerr, and Constable Sam^e McNeill went
 by the Height, and the plains to the north neck of
 B. beach, met J. W. Kerr, Esq^r Fishery Officer there,
 see my report for particulars went out at 8. p. m.
 came in at 6. a. m. went to Wm. Jags and took
 home the nets seized, Miles about 36. Stand By #3. -

Saturday 7th October 1841. - & 8th.
 On B. bay, up as far as Sam. Joice and the
 north neck of the bay and beach, got all the
 particulars from Sam. Joice, Mrs Joice, Richard
 Joice, and Joice's daughter Geo. R. Kerr with me. -
 left horse and buggy at Wm. Jags, crossed in boat
 was at Joice, Dick came with us on our arrival
 there, we watched till near 10. a. m. but neither
 Sam. Coey nor Henry Rodkin went near the nets
 went out at 2. a. m. came in at 10. a. m. Miles
 about 30. - O. R. Coey rowed us across to Wm.
 Jags. - and then took back large boat with
 him. - home then with horse & buggy. - #3.

October Sunday 8, and Monday 9th October. -
 B. Height, the plains, and to the neck of
 North beach McNeill, with myself and George
 R. Kerr, remained there until 10. p. m. then for
 home, Sam. Coey, and Henry Rodkin were
 there, but in such profound sleep that I could
 not by calling wake them up. - They were
 out at their nets for an hour, but I was not
 down in time to see them, so Dick Joice
 told me. Dick was with us again, both McNeill
 and myself searched the boat and boxes - found
 no fish - they did not appear to have fished

up. went out at 5 p.m. came in at 1 a.m. sleep
about 30. 144 luggage. —

Corey, nor Poskitt did not see us. —

paid postage 3¢ to W^m Higgins of Alton. —

Monday - heard from Jas. Child Esq^r J. P. that Dan^y
McFargue, after complaining ag^t me - as per report. would
not sue. — — —

Sir,

10 October 1871.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license
to fish, in behalf of Mr W^m Gage of the Township of
Beaton, in the County of Wentworth. —

Mr Gage wants the Lease or License in front of
lots No. 2, 3, and 4, pays flat fee, in Lake Superior -
Mr Gage has purchased from the Ontario Government,
this property; which contains 263 acres of land. — The
land contains a valuable silver mine, which Mr W^m
Gage, who visited the place recently, intends to com-
mence working next year. —

The place for fishing is as a fishery, he
wishes to secure under a Lease of twenty one
years, to have it in connection with the silver
mine, and thereby prevent others from getting it. —
I cannot myself for want of knowledge of the
locality put a rent upon it, but at the same time
I have great pleasure in recommending Mr W^m Gage
application, and hope you will give it immediate at-
tention, by granting him the same. —

I Have &c

Hon^{ble} Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Si

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, asking permission to fish in front of your own lot 21, - Woodhouse. - and also in front of 22, - do. -

I can say nothing about it, until I come up, which will not be later than next week. -

Y^{rs} truly

John W. Kerr J.O.

11. October 1871.

Mr James Dargue,
Lot 21, Woodhouse,
P^r Doves

X

My dear Mr Craig. -

Will you be pleased to notify the P^r Doves fishermen, that I will be on hand early next week to give them their license. -

Tell them to have their old license on hand with them when I come along, also their money to take out the new licenses, all license money must be paid in future in advance. -

My kind respects to Mr Craig, and all my old friends at P^r Doves -

Believe me Y^{rs} fraternally

John W. Kerr

J.O.

11. Oct 1871.

Mr Craig, Esq
Hotel Keeper
P^r Doves

P.S. Please hand the enclosed to Mr Jas Dargue.

John W. Kerr

Keep this a perfect secret until you
catch some body. Schultzen,

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to take charge
of the Range River, and protect the Salmon there this
fall during the spawning time, and I shall recom-
mend that you be paid for doing so. - I sent
you a copy of the Fisheries Act, soon after I was
at your place, by reading the 15 Section of the
Act, you will see how the Range is at present
situated. - Please read Section 7, of the Fisheries
Act. - I also send you a copy of the pro-
clamation setting the Range apart &c. &c. &c.

Yrs Respectfully
Schultzen

T.O.

11th October 1871.

Wm James Esq
Pickering.
P.O. Union. P. Office.

P.S.

Please commence to do this for me at once
and attend to the rapids. - It is a fine op-
portunity for you those dark nights.

Please write me on this subject.

Yrs Schultzen

Postage paid 4¢ and 3¢

Sent copy to Wm McAllister, Nelson Creek
also copy of the Act. Schultzen

T.O.

Thursday 12, Oct 1871,
 at Oakville and Bronte, Wm Englebert paid me
 his rent for year 1870. Examined the twelve mile
 Creek found all OK. - went out at 7¹/₂ a.m.
 came in at 8 p.m., miles 42. \$4.00 - 20¢, dinner ⁴/₂₅ -
 By fare 60¢, 1.20 + 20¢ + 25¢

Friday, 13, October 1871,
 at Pt. Credit, thence to the residence of Thomas Slade
 Esq^r, gave him his license dated 2^d January last, heard
 from him, and James Welby of the Post, that John Stays Jr
 of Springfield caught three salmon at Springfield
 last spring with hook and line, and that he sold
 one of them to Mr Taylor - Tavern Keeper there -
 Wm Johnson of Springfield, Carpenter, - was present
 when he caught them - the one he sold Taylor
 was 3¹/₂ lbs weight. - went out at 8 a.m.
 came in at 5 p.m. - miles 64. - - - - -
 By fare \$1.60 \$4 buggy \$1. - dinner 25¢, - - - - -

Sir,

16th October 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information
 that complaint was made to me on Friday last by Jas.
 Welby of Pt. Credit, township of Toronto, and County of Peel,
 that John Stays Jr - of Springfield, caught three
 salmon ^{last spring} ~~(spring)~~ angling with rod, line, hook and
 worm one of which three pounds weight he sold
 to Mr Taylor - who keeps the Hotel at Springfield

As the River Credit has been set apart, for the
 natural and artificial propagation of salmon. by
 Regulation dated 26, October 1870, I shall prose-
 cute John Stays Jr under and by virtue of the
 15 clause of the Fisheries Act. -

I am happy to tell you that if I can pre-
 vent persons killing salmon in this River, so as to
 allow the fish to remain there unmolested, we
 shall have abundance of them there in a few
 years. -

The Credit River was always in years

gone by celebrated for what was then termed the Spring Salmon. - That is the Salmon frequented the waters of the Credit in Spring, ^{and summer} the same as they do, the Salmon stream running into the sea, such for instance as the Ellice -

With the supply ~~set~~ placed in the River by Mr Sam Wilmet and myself - see my report dated 12th of June last, as furnished to the same by the department, together with the natural supply - the River Credit is now looking up as far as the Salmon is concerned. -

I Have &c

Hon^r. Ministers,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Ross
T. S.

16. October 1871.

Sir. - I have the honor to report for your information, that in an interview with Sam^l Wilmet Esq^r J. Dudgeon - at Newcastle, Fish Breeding establishment of the department, it was arranged between us that a portion of the funds set apart by the department of fisheries, for this fish breeding establishment, should ^{in future} apply to the protection of the Salmon rivers, picked &c. - as regards paying the Guardians for services rendered. X All of which is respectfully submitted

I Have &c

Hon^r. Ministers,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa. -

John W. Ross
T. S.

X Mr Wilmet and myself talked this matter over, and it is only reasonable that the money should come from this source for protection, as well as breeding. -

I shall continue to exercise due vigilance in the protection of the Salmon in future, as in the past, All of which is respectfully submitted. -

16th October 1871.
Wrote S. B. Bauser Esq. The Fisheries Dept. at
Ottawa. - - -

Tuesday, 16th October 1871. -
At B. beach. - Dan: McJoryne paid me \$10.
Alex Rolfe \$3, and Jonathan Borey \$3, for li-
cense, being balance in full. - Dan: McJoryne
~~acknowledged~~ before J. N. Craig, that he told
me a lie, when he said I took 540 yards of
his Herring gill net. - went out at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. m.
came in at 5 p. m. went by way of the
City of Hamilton, miles about 24. \$44 Pay 2
dinner for self and son 50. - - -

Wednesday 17. October 1871.
At London, Chatham, and Blenheim, went out at
8 a. m. got there at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. m. - Miles 156, By 4.35.
Stage 50, dinner at London 50, Tea 25, bed 25¢ H&B-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -

Thursday, 18. October 1871.
at Blenheim, Gray. Point aux pin, to see George
W. Gibson, a fisherman, went up as far as the pier
of Rond Lac Harbour, saw Mr. Fleming, the con-
tractor there, who was very civil, and invited me
to dinner. - told me where I should find George
Gibson. - back again to George Gibson house, where I
found his wife and children. - she gave me informa-
tion about Duncan Campbell fishing. - Thence to George
Higgs, saw Thomas Shippey, on lot 98. B.F. Township of
Howard. Shippey gave me all the information I required
see my reports. - Thence to Duncan Campbell. -
and back to Blenheim. - Miles 40, Horse and
buggy. \$1.50¢ Breakfast 25¢, dinner 25¢ and
supper 25¢.

From Blenheim to Buckhorn, thence down
the Town line to the wharf saw Gibson at George
Edwin Smiths making wine met Hamlet, and
Lars Claus, at Buckhorn. -

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Sir,

20. Oct. 1871,

I have the honor to receive the application of Mr James Claus, of Buckhorn, township of Harwich, in the County of Kent, for a fishing in Lake Erie, situated in front of lots Nos. 3, and 4, B. D. Concession of Harwich. —

In obedience to your order, I have the honor to report in favour of the application. — I was on the ground yesterday evening, and saw Mr Claus, and issued to him a license for five dollars for the remainder of this year. — The applicant is owner of one of the lots he has applied for permission to fish in front of. — The fishing seem to me to be badly neglected in this locality, for until I made my appearance there no officer from the department has been there during the last five years. —

I recommend that my proceedings in this case be approved of by you. —

Hon Minister

Yc. Yc. Yc

Yours

I Have &c

John W. Lorr

D. O.

Sir. —

20. October 1871,

I have the honor to receive the application of George W. Gibson, for a license to fish, one mile east and west of the townline, between Harwich and Raleigh, in Lake Erie. — My report herewith of this date will show you that I have already licensed the ground east of the townline to James Claus. — While at the same time I have given Messrs G. W. Gibson, and George Edwin Smith, a license to fish on the west side of the townline, for a distance of one mile. —

They have paid me \$5, for the privilege for the remainder of this current year. —

and which I now submit for your approval. —

I Have &c

John W. Lorr

D. O.

Hon Minister

Yc. Yc. Yc

Yours

Sir,

20, October 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that Mr John Brown of Thorold who is Contractor, for dredging out the Pond Eau Haché, has already destroyed the fishing ground licensed to Mr W. Hamlett this season, in front of the sand bar, west of the Harbour, by dumping the stuff dredged up, and excavated from the Harbour, thereon. —

Mr Hamlett, was obliged to move away to another locality up the lake.

I Have &c

John W. Kerr

T.O.

Hon. Minister

&c.

&c.

&c.

O Namea. —

Sir,

20. Oct. 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that in the discharge of the duty connected with the enclosed Cases. — I travelled 370 miles. —

I performed the same, in 93 hours. —

I Have &c

John W. Kerr

T.O.

Hon. Minister

&c.

&c.

&c.

O Namea.

"Continued". —

Gave James Chaus - a license - see my report, and gave George W. Gibson, and George Edwin Smith a license, see my report. — saw H. A. Smith, at the Port. — see my report regarding him, — back again to Glenheim — met Gibson on the road, who returned back with me. — to George Edwin Smith — Gibson gave me the information relating to the Pond nets. — see my reports, He also reported to me that a strange boat was at Pond Eau Piel, — and that they wanted to fish on his ground. — went out at 3 1/2 p.m. came back at 6 p.m., Mile 12. H.A.B. \$1.25 &c

See next page

Sir,

20. Oct. 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that Messrs George Shiggs and Thomas Shippey of lot No. 99. B. of Conception of Howard, are at present fishing a pound net in front of said lot, in Lake Erie. I saw the net set there myself on yesterday.

The net is worth \$1000, and the take of fish is abundant. — Shippey informed that they hold a license from the Dept. for \$8 a year. —

That they obtained it through Mr John Duck of Morpeth but he did not have it to produce. — Shiggs, he said had it, and he was absent at Chatham. —

Those people make no return, and the license, if they have paid, is not apportioned to the abundance of fish they catch and sell. —

As no fishing officer does duty in this locality I suppose I may hereafter do so. —

I submit this case to your Considerate adjudication.

I have &c.

John W. Ross

J. W.

Hon Minister

&c. &c. &c.

P. S. I directed them to apply to me in future for a license. —

John W. Ross

J. W.

Continued. —

Left for Chatham. Thence home by Railway to Hamilton. — For all the particulars of this trip see my nine reports dated 20. October 1871. —

Horse & buggy \$1.75 + By fare to Hamilton \$4.35
Miles 156. —

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20. Oct. 1871.

I have the honor to lay before you the statement of a friendly fisherman, with respect to the number of pound nets being fished and which he says all of whom do not pay license. —

Will you be pleased to compare the present list in Lake Erie, with the licensed one returned give me the result, and I shall wheel the delinquents into line — next week.

My info. says — The pound net fishermen take out a license for one pound net, but fish two, and that they never make a proper return of fish. &c. &c. &c.

The following pound nets are now being fished. —

Two pound nets at Two Creeks. —

One at Farmington. —

Two at Kingsville. —

At Point Pelee Island

Two pound nets, at the east side. —

Two in north bay.

Two on the west side. —

One in south bay. —

I Have &c.

Hon: Minutes

&c

&c

&c

I have —

John W. Kane

P.S.

Sir,

20 October 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that when on Point Aux Pins, Lake Erie, — in the township of Harwich I found that Mr Duncan Campbell of Harwich had been fishing a seine in Lake Erie in front of lot No: 101, township of Howard. —

I hunted up Duncan who lives back in the Country three miles from the fishing ground. I explained the law to him, gave him a license for which I charged him \$10, for the year 1871. —

I took his note for the amount gave him my address, and directed him to send me the money, which he promised he would do in a few days. —

I hope the arrangement will meet your approval. —

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
&c

Hon: Minister
&c &c &c
J W. a —

Sir,

20 October 1871,

With reference to the letter of Mr H. A. Smith herewith, I have the honor to report that I called upon him on yesterday evening. — His reply was that he applied through a desire of gaining information, more than that of fishing a (poisoned net). — Whatever notion he has had of fishing has been abandoned by him. —

In any case I could not recommend a license to be given to this Mr H. A. Smith. —

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
&c

Hon: Minister
&c &c &c

let,

20 October 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque No. 262, for ten dollars. This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows: - for the remainder of the current year of 1871. —

1. Mr James Claus, of Harwich, license to fish a seine, in Lake Erie, in front of lots Nos. 3 and 4. B.F. Conception which is east of the town line between Harwich and Raleigh County of Kent. —

\$ 5.00

2. Messrs Geo. W. Gibson, and George Edwin Smith, a license to fish a seine in Lake Erie, running one mile west, from the town line between Harwich and Raleigh County of Kent. —

5.00

Total, \$ 10.00

Those people do not intend to commence fishing until next year. — They secure the ground to prevent other applying. — I have

John W. Kent

P. A.

minutes

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2. October 1871.

I enclose the honor to enclose your Bank draft No: 164, for the sum of Ten dollars. —

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows:

1. Mr. Pat^r Stand, — fishing at Virginia, in Lake Ontario, township of Saltfleet, and County of Wentworth for the year 1870. — \$ 5.00

2, do. do. for this year —

rent year of 1871. —

\$ 5.00
Total \$ 10.00

Mr Stand, has had so many difficulties to contend with, during the past two years, that he was not until now able to pay his rent. —

Hon: Minister,
No. 10. 10.
19 Wawa. —

I Have &c,
John W. Stand
J. S.

My dear Sir,

Your application received - meet me at Mr George Williams, Market Street, - Toronto, on Monday next at 12, noon, and I shall give you the license you require. - Or send the money, ten dollars to Mr Michael Doyle, at the fish market, Toronto, and I will leave the license there for you. -

Mr George Knight
Sullivanville P. Office
Onto

Yours respectfully
John W. Kerr

J. W.

21. Oct; 1871.

Sir,

23. October 1871.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, ~~and~~ sanction and approval a letter, I received from Mr George Edwin Smith, of the Township of Norwich, ~~Marathon~~ ^{to be paid before you} ~~Marathon~~ ^{asking permission} ~~to build~~ ^{to build} a dock in S.E. ~~front of a portion of~~ ^{front of} lot 24, N.E. Con. of the township of Raleigh. - It appears ~~he~~ ^{that} the owner of the land in front of which he ~~asks~~ ^{is also the holder of the water as a fisherman} the privilege. - In submitting the letter, I have much pleasure in recommending that the ~~application~~ ^{application} may be granted by you. -

Hon. Minutes

He. He. He.

Ottawa. -

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

Sunday. 22. Oct: 1871, -

At B. beach. joined all regular. - saw Mr McFarlane about giving Dan: join 1/2 the ground up to the Williams or old outlet, all regular. - Dan: she said approved, went out at 4. p. m. came in at 12. mid-night
Wed 24, 14 & buggy. - 2.

Monday, 23. Oct. 1871.

at Toronto, Island Creek, P^t. Union. - Frenchman's bay, Duff's bay, Whitley, and Shoals pt, thence to Duff's Creek. - heard just from the Station Master at P^t. Union, that the Salmon (3) were stolen from the pen or Crib, - Met Wilmut at Duff's Creek on going down - he was getting out Salmon eggs, came back to the Mill (David Bowhall) with me, saw Albick the Miller - heard all the particulars of the stealing the 3 Salmon. - John Head, came there to me, he and I watched around until 1/2 past 5, A.M., no Starbuck to be seen. - no one on the watch except the Miller - (Albick.) - left a pencil memorandum for the Starbuck - Also printed notice - offered \$50 Reward for the Conviction of person - for further particulars - see my report, - went out at 8, A.M., came in at 6, A.M. - miles about 90. Stage 50¢. H.V. B. to P^t. Union 50¢. Ry fare 60¢ - dinner 25¢ tea 25¢ H.V. B. to Shoals pt & Duff's Creek \$2. Refreshment for self and D^r. Bowhall 40¢. - Ry fare 1.30 - 7:30 Ry

Tuesday 24, October 1871. -

at Duff's Creek, thence to the Rouge to overtake Dick Webb, and see Canfield. met ~~Canfield~~ Chandell by appt, and placed him to watch the Rouge, and protect the Salmon above the Kingston Road, thence to Toronto and home - fatigued and tired being up all night. - Horse & buggy 1.50. Stage 50¢ breakfast, dinner & tea 75¢ Ry fare 1.30¢ miles 65.

got \$5, from Mr Doyle left for me by Geo: Knight. - - - went out at 6, A.M. came in at 5, P.M. -

for charges for quarters Salary \$75 cashed in B. Montreal

Gave Mr Kerr \$47 to pay 12.57 there. 10[¢] for thrashing, \$5. for Machine - balance for self and the boys. -

Wednesday 25. Oct. 1871. —

At Hamilton, and P^t does — all regular. — Pat
Layhe and Charley Shreve paid me \$12. — went out
at 6. a. m. came in at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ p. m. Miles 42. Stages \$1.
dinner 25¢ tea 25¢ bed 25¢ Stage fare 2.25¢
brought a pair of glasses 1.50. —

75
3.25
4.00

Thursday 26, October 1871, —

at P^t does, P^t Ryerse, and Turkey pt saw
old Mr. Jackson, Jim Terrie, Bill Snook — and
Jim Crockett, heard that young Smith was
fishing a small white fish gill net. — Geo. St.
Hearls — paid \$5. for license, back to Does, John
Law paid me \$5. for 1870. — (and Wm. Law, \$5.)
and John Law (\$5.) licenses for 1871. — neither
of them paid for them. — — — breakfast, dinner
tea, and bed \$1. — Team 3, — went out at 8.
a. m. came in at 4. p. m. — Miles about 40,

Friday 27, October 1871. —

At P^t does, Mantioke, Sandusky, Peacock pt
Stoney Creek. — Hoover pt and Hoover bag.
Millers point, and Shanks creek, Marshall pt
Gave license to Jim Stone, and Ad^d Schreave, Wm.
L. Ball, Lydon Swartz, and Philip Silverpiper \$5, who
did not pay for them. — also to Mep³ John Held,
and Abraham Hoover, who paid \$4, Ambrose Lloyd
who paid \$1. — 50¢ of which was for last year.
Chris. Shank \$1, and Jim, and Silman Woodell
\$5. — thence out to the Main Road, to Honsberg's
store. — thence to Dunville, with Mr. Shink
water. met Henry Rolf at David Price.
thence to P^t Colborne. — thence to St. Catharines
and thence home. — Team and driver \$5.⁴ — B —
dinner and tea 75¢ Railway fare \$1.475¢
and \$1.87 $\frac{6}{10}$ — Miles about 140. — went out at
6. a. m. 27 $\frac{6}{10}$ got home at 2. a. m. 28 $\frac{6}{10}$ just.

4.75
1.75
2.00
4.50
6.1

Sir,

28, October 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have just got home after a run of these days over Lake Erie gathering - from Turkey Pt to Pt. Levis and home again.

As the result of this trip, I have the honor to send you cheque \$80.20, amounting to thirty three dollars. - Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for the years 1870, and 1871. -

1. Mr. Pat^r Lough, at Pt. Ryerse, Lake Erie, for the years 1870. - \$4.00
2. Mr. Geo. H. Starks, at Winter Creek, Lake Erie. - for year 1871. - 5.00.
3. Mr. John Saw - Woodhouse, Lake Erie 1870. - 5.00.
4. Messrs Charles Shreve, and Sam. Baumister Woodhouse and Walpole, L. Erie. - for 1871. - 8.00.
5. Messrs John Held, and Abram Stover. - Stovers bay, Lake Erie. - for 1871. - 4.00.
6. Ambrose Lloyd, Miller bay, Rainham. - in Lake Erie, for 1871 and 71. - 1.00.
7. Christopher Shank. - do do, for 1871. - 1.00.
8. Messrs Silman, and Timothy Wardell, in Wardells bay, Rainham - Lake Erie, for year 1871. - 5.00

Total 33.00

The licenses issued are to fish White fish gill nets. - Respectfully Submitted. -

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. Minister of
Marine &c. &c.
Ottawa. -

Sir,

30. Oct: 1871. -

I have the honor to enclose you \$10, included in the cheque above, for the \$39. - This amount you will please apply to a license I issued to Benjamin Jones of O. B. B. for to fish on lots Nos 20, 21 & 22, in Lake Ontario, for this current year of 1871. -

Hon. Minister of
Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

I Have &c,
John H. Kerr
P.S.

Sunday 29. October 1871.

at B. beach - all regular. Dan: McJoyne and G. H. Corey, both summoned as witnesses, in case of Jones vs Kerr, went out at 1. p. m. came in at 6 1/2 p. m. - miles about 24. - H&A buggy 1.50. -

Monday 30. Oct: 1871,

at the Court House - Hamilton - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. - miles 8. dinner & tea 50¢. gave statement to John Bant.

Wrote Hartwick, Wilmore, Mich Doyle, and Rich & Crew, and sent Rich & two notices respecting the salmon. - postage 14¢. - telegraph 30¢.

Tuesday 31. October 1871. -

attended Court. - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 4 1/2 p. m. - miles 8. - dinner 25¢

Wednesday 1. Nov: 1871, -

at Galt to see the fishway. went out 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. - miles 90. - H&A buggy 1.50. dinner 25¢ Railway fare 2.60. -

Thursday 2, Nov 1871,

at Court - all regular. went out at 9. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles 8. - \$1.

Friday, 3. Nov: 1871.
at Court all day. — went out at 8. a. m.
came in at 6. p. m. — mile 8 — \$1.

Sat: 4. Nov: 1871.
at Court, no trial yet, went out at 8.
a. m. came in at 4. p. m. — mile 8, no
trial. H & buggy \$1. —

Sunday, 5. Nov: 1871. —
at B. beach, found all regular, went out
at 12. Noon, came in at 6 1/2 p. m. mile 20. —
H & buggy 1.50.

Monday, 6. Nov: 1871.
at the Assizes — went out at 8. a. m.
came in at 5. p. m. — mile 8. — dinner 25¢
\$75¢.

Tuesday, 7. Nov: 1871. —
at the Assizes, Hamilton, went out at 8. a. m. came in
at 5 1/2 p. m. — mile 8. — \$1.

Wednesday, 8. Nov: 1871.
at P¹/₂ Dover, received \$5. from Mr. P. Layke, because
fee for current year of 1871. — report of white fish take
is very good. — went out at 8 1/2 a. m. came in at
6 1/4 p. m. mile about 42, stage \$2.00, dinner 25¢
tax and bed 50¢. — — —

Thursday 9. Nov: 1871. —
at Dover, thence by Team along the Lake shore
to Rainham Centre. — Wm. Law, paid \$5, James Gairie
\$2, George Howard \$5, Wm. Edsall \$5, P. Silverfisher and
Gideon Sewart \$5, John McLean and John Snowden \$1. —
Jacob Moore, 50¢, Sim: Stone, and Dr. Shreve reported by Dr.
that these nets were robbed. — Suspected McLean & Snow-
den. — wrote Sam: Corbett Jr. about his fine imposed last
year. — for fishing on Melp³ Sam: Barnister & Charles Schreves
fishing, gave notice to Wm. Craig for him. — went out at
6 a. m. came in at 2. a. m. — ~~from~~ on Friday morning

went from Rainham Centre to Denville thence by Ry/
to P^t Colborne, - thence to S^t Catharines and home. - -
team \$5. Stages 75¢ breakfast 25¢ dinner 25¢ tea 35¢,
Railway fare to P^t Colborne 60¢ to S^t Catharines 75¢
Omnibus 15¢. Ry fare to Hamilton 1.10, - walked home
Mile about ~~125~~ - 140

Set.

10. Nov: 1870.

Team 4.15
1.75
1.35
1.10
6.10

I have the honor to report for your in-
formation, that I am just home after another run
over the ^{white fish} fisheries on Lake Erie, between Dover, and
Rainham Centre, which are very ^{productive} ~~successful~~ this
fall, ^{considering} the very short time fished. - -

I have the honor to send you Bank cheques
for the sum of \$23, which you
will be pleased to apply as follows; for
this current year of 1871. -

- | | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Mr. Pat ^r Layke, fishery at P ^t Ryerse in Lake Erie, for year 1871. - | \$ 5.00¢ |
| 2. " W ^m Law, at Woodhouse - do. - | 5.00, |
| 3. " James Gargue, do. do. - | 2.00. |
| 4. " Mess ^{rs} John Snowden and John McLean, at Louis's pt in Lake Erie. - | 1.00, |
| 5. " W ^m Estall, at Peacock pt do. - | 5.00. |
| 6. " Mess ^{rs} Philip Silverpipe and Gideon Smart, at Hovey's pt in Lake Erie. - | 5.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 23.00 |

Hon. Minister,
Ac. Ac. Ac.
Ottawa. -

I Have &c,
John W. Law
J. W.

Postage 12¢

Friday, 10. Nov 1871.
at the Assize - no case yet. -

Saturday 11. Nov 1871. -
at the Assize no case as yet. -

Sunday, 12. Nov: 1871. -
at B. bay, and B. beach - found all regular. -
Dan: McJynne, had been in rear of T. R. Camp
with horse and waggon for fish, very suspicious
went out at 3. p. m. came home at 9. p. m. - mile
24. - ^{at} ^{at} 1.50 -

Sir, 13. Nov: 1871 -
I have the honor to report for your information
that on Thursday last, being at Dunville, I examined
the fishway put in the dam of the Grand River
by Saml. D. Woodruff Esq. ex-Superintendent of
Welland Canal and Public Works. -

I observed that the lower end of the fishway
does not go down to the bottom of the stream. -
This I was enabled to do, by the very low state
of the water at present in the Grand River. -
Consequently the fishway to be effective must rest
upon the bottom of the stream, when I found Cause
of Complaint before with the inadequate state
of this fishway, Mr Woodruff lengthened it by
several feet, but it is still inadequate, and
will continue to be, until it is further lengthened
so as to go right down to the bottom of the
River. -

I Have &c,
John W. Ross
T.O.

Hon. Ministers
H. H. H.

W. H. H.

Sir,

13. Nov 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information, that Mr James Blaine of Salt, has repaired the fishwey, erected by him in his Mill dam there situated in the Grand River, to my satisfaction. -

Hon: Minister.
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa.

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 S.O.

Sir,

13. Nov: 1871

At the request of Mr W. J. J. of the Township of Barton, County of Wentworth, I have again to repeat to you my application in his behalf, of the 10th day of October last. ,

Hon: Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa. -

I Have &c,
 John W. Kerr
 S.O.

Monday. 13. Nov: 1871. -

at Hamilton - to attend Assizes if necessary - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. miles 8. -

Tuesday. 14. Nov 1871.

at Hamilton - attending Court of Assizes - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. miles 8. -

Wednesday. 15. Nov: 1871.

at Hamilton, attending Assizes - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - miles - 8. -

Take Notice

Mr Thomas Corbett Jr.
Woodhouse.

Sir, In the month of November last year, I imposed a fine of \$20, and ^{\$2.00} costs upon you for trespass committed on fishing grounds of Messrs Samuel Ben-
 nister and Charles Shreve in Lake Erie, at Woodhouse and
 Wasphole. - And in default of payment you were to be im-
 prisoned in the Common Jail at Seneca for the term of 30 days
 You having pleaded guilty to the offense at the time, and to
 which plea, you there and then appended your name. -

I now demand of you after the expiration of ^{nearly} a year,
 payment of the said fine and costs. -

Yrs Respectfully, -
 John W. B. D. O. and
 J of the Peace. -

Hamilton, Ontario. -
 8. Nov: 1871. -

Thursday, 16. Nov 1871,
 No: Court today. -

Friday 17. Nov: 1871,
 at Court, went out at 8. a. m. came in at
 6. p. m. mile 8. -

Sat: 18. Nov 1871, Sunday 19th
 at Court - home thence to Wheeler and
 across to Jack Jaffe out in the Bay, all
 regular - Thence to J. R. Corp - went
 out at 8. a. m. came in at 3. a. m. -
 mile 24. My buggy \$1.25. boat, and supper
 75¢ Jack Jaffe out with us on the bay.

Sir,

21. Nov: 1871.

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, in reply to Mr Wm Gage's application for a license of the fishing station at Pays plat bay, — Lake Superior stating that the fishing in question is under license to the Hudson Bay Company. —

I have the honor to report for your information that Mr Wm W. Maddell, nephew to Mr Wm Gage informed me that Mr Joseph Wilson, the Overseer at Sault Ste. Marie, proposed to rent the fishing applied for to Mr Wm Gage, under a yearly license; Hence the reason why Mr Gage applied for a lease of years. —

I send you herewith a tracing showing the three lots owned by Messrs Wm Gage & Co. Nos. 2, 3, and 4 in front of which is the property marked thus * * *. Mr Gage has applied for a fishing. — By this tracing now enclosed you will please find that there is another Pays plat bay at Copper Island. —

Be pleased to return the tracing after you examine it.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
T. A.

Hon: Minister, &c
&c. &c. &c
Ottawa. —

Sir,

21. Nov: 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on visiting the fisheries at Niagara yesterday and today, I made a discovery which I consider is worth knowing by you. — It appears white fish caught during the past week in the Niagara River to the amount of 1000 lbs weight upon being dissected was found to contain but one female fish ready to spawn. Although several hundred of the fish were female fish, still the pear or spawn was not larger nor thicker than a straw. — While the male fish were found in a like position. —

This proves beyond a doubt that the white fish frequent the River at Niagara for the purpose of feeding there, instead of to spawn. — My belief, from my own observation on yesterday, and today of about 200 hundred white fish, I saw and examined is that those fish must have spawned out some weeks past. — They were all very fat, and in splendid condition. — I allowed Mr Thomas Elliott to fish on as in catching this description of fish, he does not infringe on close season. — I submit the matter for your approval. —

Hon: Minister,
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa. —

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 T. O.

P.S. This proceeding on my part may appear strange to you, but the enclosed letters from Mr Sam^l Milnes will, I hope, justify the act. —

John W. Kerr
 T. O.

Feb.

21, Nov 1871,

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of Mr Henry Sheppard of Quesnonton a fisherman, for permission to cut some white Cedar poles on the fishing reserve at Quesnonton, situated on the banks of the Niagara River there. —

He wants them for to use in connection with his fishing there. — as well and to build him a fish shanty. —

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr

J. O.

Hon^{ble}, Ministers of
Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa. —

Monday 20. Nov 1871. —

At S. B. Quesnonton and Niagara, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. miles about 64. Railway fare \$1.35 & H&A buggy 2.50 dinner tea and bed 75¢. — tolls 5¢. —

Tuesday 21, Nov 1871,

at Niagara, S. B. & Home. — see my report for money collected and sent away. — Railway fare 50¢ and \$1.35 & breakfast and dinner 50¢. —

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ 3.85 \\ \hline 4.65 \end{array}$$

Wednesday 22, November 1871. —

At Bronte - getting white fish spawn, from Billy Ingledew, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5 p.m. miles 36. Ry fare 90¢ H&A buggy 1.50 & dinner 25¢ tolls 5¢

Thursday 23rd, Nov: 1871. —

At Winona to see Paddy Island. — went out 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles 32, H&A buggy 7. Ry fare 90¢ dinner 25. tolls 5¢. . . .

Sir,

21. Nov: 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have just returned from Queenston and Niagara and beg most respectfully to enclose you cheque No: 316, for the sum of thirty four dollars. —

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows; for this current year of 1871. —

1. Mr Henry Sheppard, in the Niagara River between Queenston, and the town of Niagara. — 10.00.
 - 2, John Meadows, in the Niagara River at Queenston. — 10.00.
 - 3, Joseph Gabriel, — do. do. 9.00
 - 4, Messrs Rich^d Paynter, and Richard Gilbert, at Jordan 20 mile pond, and Lake Ontario, on a ft. — 5.00
- Total. — \$ 34.00

Hon: Minister

He. He. He.

— Ottawa. —

I Have &c

John W. Ross

D. D.

Saturday, 25. Nov: 1871.

At Galt. brought up a bottle of white fish spawn, the trout are not prospering in the fish breeding establishment there this year. — went out at 8. a. m. came back to Hamilton at 3 1/2 p. m. — thence on to the bay amongst the speakers, remain there until 8. p. m. — thence home. — By gave 2.50 dinner 25¢ refreshments for boat crew 25¢ & bug off 2.50. — Charles Yake, Frank Rose, and M. Lyons paid me one dollar each. — Mile 40 x 20 2.60 = 90 mile. —

25

2.50

25

5.60

Sir, -

25. November 1871.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30th of October last, containing your remarks upon my application in behalf of the L. W. Ry Company, for permission to take sand from the Fishing Reserve of B. beach, in which it is stated: - "The Minister thinks it was your duty to have first consulted with the local officer of the department of the Board of Works, and notified him of your intended recommendation, so that he might inform the General Superintendent, and ascertain if that officer, had any objection to the same." - This might have obviated the subsequent unsavory occurrence at the Police Court." - This language of the Hon. Minister conveys in a mild way a kind of Censure implying as much, that only for one Mr Thompson, the Sight House Keeper, would not be entangled in his own headlong proceedings against J. H. Corey, a fisherman. -

If Mr Thompson is the local officer of the Board of Works, under the ^{then} Superintendent, Samuel D. Woodruff Esq^r, I have simply to tell you that he exceeded his duty in this case, by summoning up J. H. Corey, for taking sand off fishing station No. 4, on B. beach, at B. beach, a place without his jurisdiction. - - -

The place where the sand was taken from is as much on the private property of Thos. L. Kern Esq^r - one of our chief Merchants here, as it was upon the fishing reserve No. 4. - Mr Kern bought and paid for the property (about ten years ago) which is fenced in and rated to him, as the owner and occupant, and Mr Thompson knows all this, and on which Mr Kern pays taxes annually, and over this property neither the Board of Works nor Mr Thompson has any jurisdiction whatever. -

The Authority produced in the Police Court, at Corey's trial, under which Mr Thompson proceeded was obsolete, was simply a temporary authority.

he held from the Board of Works during the season of only of the year 1866. - and which related only then to the beach in front of Stony Creek pond, which is at least five miles from where the sand in the present case was taken from, consequently Mr. Thompson could not convict F. H. Corey, under such authority in the year 1871. - independent of what my previous reports contain. -

When Mr. Thompson, just told and wanted me to bring the charge against Corey, and he would be my witness, he ~~said~~ he was on his way he said to tell Ken Brown & Mackenzie of the offense committed on their property by Corey. - I told him then to do nothing in the case until I saw him again, but he did not ^{wait to consult me any more} ~~do so~~, he went headlong, at it without consulting me any more and was mulct in costs. - I was not at the Police Court at all. - Surely on reflection, the Hon. Minister does not mean that I should consult a man like Mr. Thompson, about my applying to you for sand for the L. W. Ry. Company, to be taken off B. beach, ^{at a place} without Mr. Thompson's control or jurisdiction, and who is only jealous of my success with the fishermen. -

He assured that I never knew, until I received your letter Mr. Thompson, in any other capacity, but that as Light House keeper, and Surveyor, and according to the instruction issued "by order" William Smith, Deputy of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the department of Marine and Fisheries, dated Ottawa, 1st of July 1871, - I supposed could hold no other position, and never acted before. - -

In order that the Hon. Minister may not be misled, as to the present occupancy of B. beach, I may here state that B. beach, on the west side of the South bay, or long beach, is nearly all owned by private individuals, about nineteen persons in all - who have their holdings fenced in as fields, and gardens; and who pay annually, a County, township, and School rate; thereon, besides performing statute labour. -

It has become their private property by length of possession, and has descended from the fathers to their sons, now mostly fishermen, and the present

occupants. — Mr. John Dyne, holds under a patent from the Crown, W. J. Simoes. Kerr, owns nearly one mile of the north beach. — The Board of Works own the canal, and it is presumed they own ~~within~~ the canal reserve, ~~and boundary~~ but not all the property, within the canal reserve and boundary. — Job James Maddell, and Mrs. Joan Balder, own property, which is situated within the same, whereon they live, and have their dwellings — ("fisherie outside") and they pay taxes thereon annually, and perform statute labour; It is not necessary to create a sensation over B. beach. —

I state those things in order to enlighten the Hon: Minister, and prevent other persons if so disposed from misleading him. —

I sent a statement of the position of the beach, and occupancy of the beach, with the names of the occupiers of each garden lot &c, to your predecessor about five years ago. —

The G. W. Ry Company, have not taken any sand off the beach, since you granted them the permission; I applied to you ^{for} in their behalf, with the full knowledge I possessed of B. beach, as set forth in this communication; whenever they commence, you may rely upon it, they will do no harm to the fisheries, nor yet to navigation. —

I don't intend ever again to make any similar application for sand. —

I would not now reply to your letter of the 30th ult. ^{what} all, only an attempt it seems to me has been made to put sand in the Ministry's eyes, by representation not all in accord with true position, as you will have observed of B. beach. —

Mr. Thompson feels so indignant, about the matter, that he has given orders to his assistant, Duncan McMillinay, not to speak to Mr. Carey, the fisherman any more. —

And when I met him on James St. recently face to face, and bid him the

usual salutation of the day, he declined to answer
merely said ho! ho! and passed on his way. —

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister &c. &c.

Ottawa. —

John W. Kerr

T.O.

Sir,

28. Nov. 1871. —

The Assizes having terminated here, and the case
brought agt me by Benjamin Joice, a fisherman, at
B. beach, not having come to trial, as reported to you
already. —

In the discharge of my duty in connection with
the seizure of a boat, a seine, and gill net made
by me in this case, as an offence of fishing, I
have been subjected to gross insult and annoy-
ance, ever since May 1870, and until recently.

I have been charged with stealing those things
under sworn information before a partisan igno-
rant ^{local} Magistrate, who issued search warrants to
ransack my house and premises. — That
Magistrate, John Wesley Hopkins, is now dead
and gone, I can therefore afford to lay the matter
before you in a Christian and becoming spirit,
and have much pleasure in recommending that
the Hon. Minister, will be so pleased ~~as~~ to exer-
cise his clemency, under sub section 15. of section 16. of
the fishing act, by ordering me to restore those for-
feitures, as above. —

The boat is at present at Mr. Whellogg's house
B. bay, but Joice does not know it, and the net
are on the island - Toronto, where they are held
subject at all times to your order to restore them.

By doing this, you will stop all further
annoyance towards me, and I presume put a
period to the law suit. — I don't ask you
to do this, under any pretence whatever, but
that set forth above.

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister,

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

John W. Kerr

T.O.

Sir,

28. Nov: 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on ~~last~~ night the 5th of October last, in Lake Ontario, at B. beach, I seized about 700 yards of Herring gill net, & found set there, the property of Messrs Benjamin Joice, and his son Thomas: - ^{and} for fishing the same without "a license, given the department of Marine and Fisheries". -

As those persons have now conformed to (with the law) the regulation under this head, I have the honor to recommend that the Hon: Minister will be pleased to exercise his clemency, under Sub Sec: 6, of Section 16. of the fishing Act, by ordering me to restore the forfeited nets. -

This has now become necessary from the fact, that those persons have recently lost 800 yards of herring gill net in a storm.

I Have &c
John W. Koss
J. W.

Hon: Minister
of
Marine,
&c

Monday, 27, Nov: 1871,

At B. beach, Tom Joice paid me \$5. Rent, gave the fishermen leave to catch a few herring in front of their seine hauling grounds in bay, - thence to the Heights to collect rent, went out at 6. a. m. came in at 11. p. m. - miles 36. -
H & B

Wednesday, 29, Nov: 1871,

At Toronto, to get White fish spawn, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5 1/2 p. m. miles 36. - Had sleep, \$7.00, Pay fare \$1. dined 25¢

Sir,

28. Dec: 1871.

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank draft No: 309, for twenty two dollars, -

This amount you will be pleased to ap-
ply as follows: -

1. Mr Thomas Jones - In Lake Ontario, at Monte to	
fish Herring gill nets - for year 1871. -	5.00.
2. George Pinkley, Shearing Stg, in B. bay - do.	1.00.
3. Thomas Mott,	1.00.
4. Sam: Goryth. -	1.00.
5. John Samuels -	1.00.
6. Joseph Levine. -	1.00.
7. Cyrus Campbell. -	1.00.
8. John Salaine. -	1.00.
9. James Maguire. -	1.00.
10. Gabriel Hopkins,	1.00.
11. Joseph Kent. -	1.00.
12. Marshall Lyons. -	1.00.
13. Joseph Cox,	1.00.
14. Henry Davis. -	1.00.
15. Thomas Oaks. -	1.00.
16. Charles Yake. -	1.00.
17. Frank Rose,	1.00.
18. - Wm Russell.	1.00.

Total. \$ 22.00.

Hon: Minister,
He. He. He.
Ottawa.

I Have Ac.
Schmidt Kent.
J. A. ...

Thursday 30. Dec: 1871. - -

at Toronto, thence to Whitley and Duffin's Creek. Went
out at 8. A.M. came in at 9. P.M. - miles about 80. Exp. buff
\$1.50. dinner, tea and bed 75¢ By fare 1.30 and \$1. bus 25¢
back to Duffin's Creek 25¢. - Got returns of fish from
John Pilkington and John Proudfoot, &c. - - -

1.50
75
1.30
1.50
5.05

Sat,

30. November 1871. -

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, relative to my allowing Mr Thomas Elliott, of Niagara to catch white fish during close time, - I find I omitted one sentence in my to you of the 21st instant, Thus:-

"This proceeding on my part may appear strange to you, but the enclosed letter from Mr Samuel Wilnot, will I hope justify the act."

By Sub Section 2, of Section 15, of the Fisheries Act, I presume Mr Sam Wilnot has the Hon: Minister's permission to obtain fish spawn, if Mr Wilnot has not, then I have been misled and must plead guilty of assuming under the direction of Mr Sam: Wilnot, what perhaps I should not do without first laying those letters before the Minister, and obtaining his sanction to carry out Mr Wilnot's request. -

Hon: Minister
He. Ve. Ve.
Ottawa

I Have &c
Edward Kerr
T.O.

Friday. 14th Dec: 1871. - -

at Buffin's Creek, Frenchman's Bay, and Island &c
Pth Union and Toronto, to collect rents and get returns - none collected to be sent to me, went out at 10^h a.m., miles about 30, & 4 buggy \$1.50. dinner for self and driver 50[¢], breakfast 25[¢], Railway fare 55[¢]. - - -

Sat: 2nd Dec: 1871. - -

at Toronto and (Hamilton) home, got Geo: Dumas & John Gursall's returns, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. miles about 48, By fare \$1.30, breakfast and dinner 50[¢], & 4 bligh 50[¢]. -

Sir,

2. Dec: 1871,

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday the 26th day of October last, about one o'clock, p.m. three men employed on the Grand Trunk freight train while waiting for an up train to help at the station of Dufferin Creek, proceeded to the river of Dufferin Creek, near the Railway Bridge, and with sticks in their hands entered the stream, and attacked the salmon there in the stream at the time. - Report has it, that they succeeded in taking two salmon away with them, besides three dead salmon were afterwards found in the stream below where this occurrence happened. - -

Mr John Peck, of Pickering just saw the men engaged hunting the salmon up and down the stream, he communicated with John Hatrik, son to the fishing guardian, who proceeded there instantly, and caught them in the act. - - The men at first refused to tell their names, but by prompt action of Mr William Hatrik, aided by Mr Pope, the Station Master, the names were obtained of those offenders of the fishing Act. - - Only the names of two offenders were then obtained, viz. J. Brady, a Conductor of a down Special, and J. Walsh a Conductor of No. 11, Train. - -

The stream being set apart under Section 16. of the fishing Act, those persons can I believe be punished for the offences they have committed. - - Since the thing happened the offenders have expressed regret, but the law will as I have informed their friends, have to take its course, besides great clamour was raised by the people of the neighbourhood. - - The man Walsh threatened repeatedly to assault John Hatrik who had him in his custody as a prisoner, and the brakeman from the said train assisted Hatrik so that he was obliged to let Walsh go. - -

I shall have no difficulty in picking out all the names of the persons there on that occasion but beg to report the foregoing particulars for your information, and ask for instructions before I proceed any further. - - Upwards of 40 fish, salmon have been in Dufferin Creek during the spawning time, this last fall. - I Have &c.

Hon. Minister of A. N. & F. Affairs -

John H. Kerr J.O.

Sir,

2^d Dec: 1891. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th of Nov: thus: "If as stated in your letter of the 25th instant, the place from which the barge removed sand for the L. W. Ry. Company, be within the bounds of private property, please explain why you applied to this department for consent." —

In reply, I have the honor to refer you to my application in this matter dated 1st of September last, which will prove to you at once that I done nothing of the kind. —

Again you say in your letter of the 28th of November — Thus!! "Should the property be actually owned by private persons, and you knew it, the fact of your asking such permission, and naming the place as fishing Reserve No: 4, has misled the department into authorizing a trespass, and has inferentially left the department of public works to conclude that the locality is public, and forms part of the Reservation required and made for navigation purposes." —

In reply to those remarks — I have again the honor to refer you to my application of the 1st of September last, by which you will at once perceive that I did not then designate fishing station No: 4, nor any locality, (either public or private) on the beach: Consequently have not, and would not mislead the fishing department into authorizing a trespass. — The sand was taken by barge, before I asked for, and the dept gave consent. —

I have never held any communication with the dept of public works, nor have I inferentially led that department to conclude, that the locality is public, and forms part of the Reservation required and made for

navigation purposes. — My letter to you of the 25th of November will explain how B. beach is occupied and held by the fishermen &c, on the west or bay side of the South bay, and Long beach. —

It has been only within the last twelve years that a Canal reserve was marked off by Mr Thompson who sunk posts in the sand at certain distances from the Canal on either side. — But the sand taken by Corey was a long distance from this reserve and without it. — Now what I have heard regarding B. beach, is about ten years from this time the occupants of the Long beach on the west side ^{would have} enjoyed the same in feeble possession for upwards of 60 years, and then not even the Crown itself can claim it. —

I hope I have made myself quite explicit to you now in this Sand Case. — No person, a fisherman upon B. beach considers for one moment that the beach can be claimed by any department save that of the fisheries and the Crown Lands department, —

In your letter you further add — "It seems strange that if the spot be private, the Police Magistrate should have dismissed Thompson's complaint, on the ground that the ^{Defendant} Department was authorized by the letter to you from this office". In reply to this, I have the honor simply to say, that there is nothing unusual in the conclusion arrived at in this case by the Police Magistrate. — I may say, it is an every day occurrence. — Moreover it appeared in evidence at the trial, as I afterward heard, that Thompson was aware that several other persons took sand from the beach, and he only took action against Fred M. Corey a fisherman. —

I deem it as an act of justice to the fishermen and myself to explain fully everything as set forth in my report about this sand, and the position of B. beach as referred to.

I Have &c

Hon^{ble} Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
D. O.

O. H. H. H.

Sir,

4 Dec 1871.

I have the honor to report for your information that about the latter end of the month of Oct, a large female Salmon, about 20 pounds weight, was found in a wood drift, in the Meland Creek, (dead) township of Scarborough, about 1/2 a mile from the Grand Trunk Railway bridge which is situated at the mouth of the creek. A large piece was eaten from the tail by an animal of some kind. - The fish was full of spawn, was bright, and fresh when found by W. Lampy, who took it at once to Mr. W. H. Hellewell the Guardian of the Creek. - -

There is a mystery about this Salmon which time may solve. - There are three Salmon beds in the Creek. -

Hon: Minister,
 &c. &c. &c. -
 Ottawa. -

I Have &c
 To bid W. H. Hellewell -
 J. O.

Wednesday December 6th 1871. -

At B. beach, told Ben: Dore to send for stirring gill nets, and also to make inquiries relative to the Canal Reserve. - and taking down the Return of fish, &c. &c, went out at 8 1/2 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. - Miles about 26. H. & L. baggage. - 2.00. dinner for self and driver 50¢. Tolls 5¢. (Horse feed 15¢) -
 exp. out omitted

Friday 8th December 1871. -

At Toronto, and Sarnia, taking down fish returns, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 7 p.m. - Miles 48. - H. & L. Cutter 1.25. Ry fare 1.30. dinner, tea, and bed 75¢. -

Sir,

4. Dec. 1871. —

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday night the 19th day of October last, three Salmon were taken from a trap erected by Sam Whitcomb Esq. at Duffie Creek. —

Two men John Hartwick and the Luthbert, who ought to have been watching at or close by, were inside in the Moses Smith's mill, close by at the time instead of being outside watching. —

Mr James Hayward, the Miller, heard the noise opened the mill door cautiously, and jumped out saw two men who ran away, he felt otherwise he might have caught them. — There were four Salmon in the trap or trap before the noise was heard but on examining it immediately afterwards there was only one Salmon found there. —

I heard nothing of this occurrence until I arrived at Pt Union, on the evening of Monday the 23. of October, when I instantly made up my mind to see how the Salmon were ^{being} watched and protected in Duffie Creek, by the local Guardian. — I passed Duffie Creek that Mr Whitcomb these (of the Baggage Co, who had been up getting spawn, went on to Whittier, returned by Horse and Buggy and in company with John Brad, a fisherman, and Allick the Miller, guarded the creek from 1/2 past 12, o'clock a.m., night until 5 1/2, a.m., in the morning, but Mr Whitcomb Hartwick, the Guardian, never made his appearance, nor no other person in his behalf. —

John Hartwick should have been there but was sick, he states and could not go. — The Miller and his staff, do more in protecting the Salmon, free, gratis, than Hartwick does for payment. A Salmon came into the trap, while I was in the locality that night. — What shall I do in this case. —

I Have &c
John W. Lewis
J. O.

Hon. Ministers of
Marine & Fisheries

O. Munn

Thursday, 7. Dec: 1871.
 gave Thomas Duce up the net seized by me, on
 the 5th of October 1871. — By order of the Fishery
 department. — — —

Saturday, 9 Dec: 1871. —
 at Toronto, got the Grays return, John Hanlon
 and Jack Woods. — went out at 11.55. a.m. —
 came in at 5. p.m. miles about 46 — breakfast
 and dinner 50¢ — Railway fare 1.30. —

Sunday 12. Dec: 1871. —
 at Toronto to get return from Inglewood, and
 White fish spawn. went out at 8. a.m. came in
 at 5¹/₂ p.m. — miles about 36, H¹/₂ buggy 1.25,
 stage 25¢ By fare 1.50¢ tolls 5¢ paid 50¢ for box
 and tie ~~paid~~ paid to put spawn in to send the
 same to Milbrook. —

Wednesday 13. Dec: 1871. —
 at Wynona. Lake Ontario, took down Paddy Hand
 and Alex. Jones returns for year 1871. went out at 8.
 a.m. came in at 4¹/₂ p.m. miles about 32, dinner 25¢
 By train 41. — H¹/₂ By 1.50. —

Thursday, 14. Dec: 1871.
 at Jordan — took down Dick Paynter & Dick Filbert
 return of fish &c. for 1871. — went out at 8. a.m. came
 in at 4¹/₂ p.m. miles about 32, — dinner 25¢
 By fare 42¢ H¹/₂ Cutter 1.50

Friday 15. Dec: 1871.
 at B. beach, getting out a survey of distance from
 Canal to where J. M. Coey took the sand, had
 the same marked on the map of the beach. —
 had D. C. O'Keefe D. B. L. B. with me, he made the
 measurements — went out at 10. a.m. came
 in at 8. p.m. — miles 30. H¹/₂ Buggy 2.00¢
 dinner 25¢ Refreshments 25¢. —

Sat: 16. Dec: 1871. —

at O'Keefe's office. got the distance from the Canal
plotted on the map. — went out at 9. a. m. came in
at 3. p. m. — miles 6. — dined 25¢. — 44¢ By 50¢. —

Sat.

— 18. Dec: 1871.

I have the honor to send herewith a plan of
Burlington Beach on Lake Ontario, and B. bay — for
the information of the Hon: Minister. —

And I have ^{marked and caused} ~~caused~~ to be marked ^{in front of} fishing
Station No: 4. B. bay, the exact spot ^{on the plan in red} ~~in red~~ where Corey
took the sand from. — This small land lot ^{is in front}
of this fishing ^{and} owned by Mr J. C. Kerr, and Sheriff
Thomas ^{of Hamilton} — They bought it from Mr Ben: Sherburn, whose
name you will ^{see of the plan} opposite as occupant of fishing Station
No: 17. on Lake Ontario. — At this particular spot the
beach from the bay to the Lake is 470 feet ^{wide} and ^{from}
this spot to the posts planted ^{on the bay side} to mark ^{what is now called} the Canal
Reserve is just — feet. And from the post to the Canal is
650 ft. ^{in the bay} from the water edge ^{at present} to the spot
where the sand was taken ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{is} above high water
mark is ~~just~~ feet, ^{at the spot} ~~is~~ is about feet higher than the
present surface of the water in the bay. — And at
~~the distance of one chain from the water edge the~~
the ^{remainder of the} land on the beach is nearly — feet higher than either
the water in the bay or the lake. — The water in
the bay is sometimes higher than the water in the lake
and vice versa, according to the prevailing wind
and Current. — Sometimes the current is running from
the bay through the Canal into the Lake, and sometimes
the reverse way. — The breadth of the beach
does not vary ~~from a chain~~ from where the sand
was taken, to where the posts are planted mark-
ing the Canal boundary. — The distance you will
observe by the enclosed plan from the Canal to
the road entering the beach from City of Hamilton
near ^{the} pumping basin is ~~about~~ ^{fully} three miles. — And from
Mr J. C. Kerr lot ^{situated on the west side of the beach} bay about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the
Canal to this road is all ^{on the west side} ~~occupied~~ ^{occupied} as I have already represented to you

in a Jones report, and as now ^{more fully} shown on the plan. — Mr. Saml. D. Woodruff, late Sup^t of the Welland Canal, and B. J. Canale & Co. under the Board of Works, whom I met at the Railway Station here on ~~last~~ Wednesday last, informed me that he was called upon ^{by his department} to report on the propriety of taking sand off B. beach, just before he was dismissed — and that he reported sand might be taken from many parts of B. beach ^{by using due} ~~with~~ care without doing any material injury thereto, and that this was ^{this} opinion still. — The only place on B. beach that sand has ^{ever} been taken ^{from before} in large quantities is in front of the entrance of the Hamilton Road to the beach, and south of the Pumping basin. — In fact there ~~is~~ ^{was} no sand of any sort taken from any other part of the beach ^{during the last 7 years} ~~except~~ what was reported to you at the time. — The beach outside of the fenced in property ^{except that held by deed} ~~is~~ ^{as from the Crown} I should say ~~was~~ still held in possession for the Crown by the fisheries department, save and except that portion occupied by the public as a high Road. — ^{“the Canal Reserve always excepted”}

See next page.

I hope this explanation will place me favourably ~~in the mind of the Minister~~ in the mind of the Minister, as I can assure ^{him} ~~you~~ I have no desire to incur his displeasure nor yet any other member of the Govt. — by any seeming misunderstanding between me and John Thompson myself. I have &c.

Hon. Minister.

&c. &c. &c.

O. H. H. —

John W. Kerr
D. O.

I have no feelings towards Mr. Thompson in respect to the course he has thought proper to pursue in this case. — I have never I can assure you ~~never~~ ^{by no means} stepped forward to ~~any~~ ^{help} any man to Justice, at the desire of another. — Through all my difficulties with the Fishermen during the past 7 years I can look back and say that in the discharge of my duty, I have always endeavoured to act with firmness ^{and justice} but on the side of Mercy. —

I Have &c,
John W. D.
D.O.

Tuesday, 19. Dec: 1871.

At B: beach gave up to Ben: Joyce, the Herring gill nets seized by me on the 13th day of October 1870. — for fishing without a license, and also took down quantity of fish caught by Ben: Jolds. — Received a receipt from Ben: Joyce for nets delivered up, the same witnessed by James Waddell, went out at 9. a. m. Came in at 4. p. m. — Miles about 26, \$4.50
2.00. Paid 25¢ dinner for self and boy 50¢

Wednesday, 20. Dec: 1871.

At Toronto, and Duffin's Creek, saw Mr Pope the Station master there about 9. a. m. and the Salmon, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. — Miles about 100.

At B. — ^{1.25} By fare 1.30¢ and 75¢ — dinner tea and bed 75¢. — ^{1.2} ^{1.75} ^{2.05} ^{1.25} ⁷⁵ ^{1.25} ^{1.30} ⁷⁵ ^{4.05}

Thursday 21. Dec 1871. —

at Duffin's Creek and Frenchman's Bay, getting up my return — Milton Jones paid \$4 rent for year. — Thence to Lake Huron to see Porterville, thence on to Toronto. — went out at 8. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. miles about 40. — \$4 Cuttle and team 3. toll 20¢ breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$1. —

Friday, 22. Dec: 1871. —
 at Toronto, and Hamilton, — brought up Ben;
 Jones — Seine — telegraphed him to meet train at
 W³ he was late for train. — took it on to
 Hamilton. — Carriage fare 75¢, Ry fare 1.30, break-
 fast and dinner 50¢, miles about 48. —

Sat: 23. Dec: 1871. —
 gave Seine net and ropes to Ben: Jones
 got his receipt, witnessed by J. Pate. —
 took it from Ry store and brought
 it up to the market for that purpose. —

Monday 25. Dec: 1871.
 at S: Bridge, Tuckerton and Niagara, getting
 up my return, went out at 8. a. m. came in
 at 5. p. m. — miles about 60. — Ry fare \$1.45.
 St buggy 2. dinner tea and bed 75¢

Tuesday 26. Dec: 1871. —
 at Niagara, Fort Erie, and Dunville, getting up
 my return, went out at 10. a. m. came in
 at 8. p. m. — miles 69. — Ry fare 2.65¢
 breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$1. —

Wednesday 27. Dec: 1871. —
 at Dunville and along the Lake from Ramham
 Centre to Peacock point. — thence to Nanticoke
 and P^t doves. — went out at 8. 1/2. a. m. came
 in at 9. p. m. — Stage ~~fare~~ 1.40. St & Ry 1.50
 14¢ Cutter \$1 — Steam \$2, breakfast, dinner tea
 and bed \$1.00. miles about 40. —

Thursday 28. Dec: 1871. —
 at Dover Turkey Pt S^t Williams, P^t Rowan
 and P^t Burrwell, getting up my return, went
 out at 5. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles
 about 50. Stage \$1. — St & buggy \$3.00, breakfast,
 dinner tea and bed \$1. —

Friday 29. Dec. 1871. -

at Pt. Barrell, Gilsonburg and Lugesoll, thence
home by Railway - Stage fare \$1.75. R. fare
1.85, breakfast and dinner #60¢, miles about 96. --

Tuesday. 2^d January 1872. -

At Pt. Barrell getting up returns - finished up the
same. - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. -
miles about 30. Stage buggy. - costs about 2.50. &

Wednesday 3. January 1872.

Postages paid. Dr. Gustin 3¢, Henry Groves 3¢,
P. Hath 3¢ and James Wiley 3¢. - and Sheldon 3¢

4. January. - West 3¢ Steffen 6¢

Billy Lang 3¢. to Henry Robt 3¢. -

Stationery quills 85¢

Paper -

30¢ 25¢ sent in apts

Sir.

9. January 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith cheque
No. 372. for \$14. - This amount you will be pleased to
apply as follows for the current year of 1872:

1. E. W. Gustin at Pt. Galbath in Lake Erie.	5.00
2. Henry Groves at Pt. Stanley do.	5.00
3. Charles Shears, Spearing in Burlington Bay.	1.00
4. Mr. Graley do.	1.00
5. Charles Linow do.	1.00
6. Joseph Armour do.	1.00
Total \$14.00	

The Hon^{ble}
The Minister of
Ottawa

I Have Hc.
John W Kerr
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In Lake Ontario, between Whitby Harbour

Whitby Harbour	John Pilkington	1	License	500, Pike g. net	5
do. do.	John Broadfoot	2	License	100, Seine.	5
" "	"	"	"	300, Pike g. net.	1
Whitby Harbour	Ed. Bowdell	2	License	800, W. J. g. net	3
do. do.	Wm. Sparks.	"	"	2800 S. S. g. net.	4
Shoak pointe.	Alfred Munson	1	License	1700, W. J. g. net	6
do. do.	John Stead & Co.	3	License	1000 do.	3
" "	"	"	"	100, Seine.	4
" "	"	"	"	"	2
Mouchmans bay.	John Fisher & Co.	2	License	3000, S. S. g. net.	32½
" "	"	"	"	3000, W. J. g. net	15
" "	"	"	"	300 Seine.	1
" "	"	"	"	"	1
Mouchmans bay	John Birrell	2	License	5200, S. S. g. net.	40
do. do.	Abm. Stone.	2	License	600, W. J. g. net.	5
do. do.	Daniel Marks.	2	License	1800, S. S. g. net	30
do. do.	James Miltz.	1	License	3000, do.	29½
do. do.	Milton Lyne.	2	License	1800, S. S. g. net.	5
" "	"	"	"	600, W. J. g. net.	3
The Rouge.	Wm. Bowman.	4	License	120, Seine.	5
" "	"	"	"	"	2
Port Union.	Jack McKean	2	License	1000, W. J. g. net	1
" "	"	"	"	"	6½
Port Union.	Joseph Moon.	2	License	1000, W. J. g. net	7
Gates Quillay.	Francis Catherine	2	License	900, W. J. g. net.	18
" "	"	"	"	1900, S. S. g. net.	14
" "	"	"	"	120, Seine.	1
Scarborough.	Sen. Marsh.	2	License	700, W. J. g. net	2
" "	"	"	"	300, Pike g. net	5
" "	"	"	"	"	2
do.	George Knight & Co.	2	License	1000, S. S. g. net	3
do.	John Malley.	2	License	6000, S. S. g. net	50
" "	"	"	"	4000, W. J. g. net.	30
" "	"	"	"	200, Seine.	5
" "	"	"	"	"	7
do.	James Carruthers	2	License	4000, S. S. g. net.	20
" "	"	"	"	1000, W. J. g. net	2

and Toronto for the year 1871. ---

	#	Fresh	Whitely	
Pike & S. fish.	25	Fresh	Whitely	Has not paid because yet.
Pike.	30	do.	do.	
Herring.	7	do	do	
White fish.	30	do	do	Self Country, absconded.
Salmon Trout.	42½	do	do	
White fish.	60	do	do	
Salmon Trout.	30	do	do	
White fish.	40	do	do	
Herring.	14	do	do	the Township of Pickering.
Salmon Trout.	325	do.	Toronto and	
White fish.	150	do.	do.	
Pickered.	10	do.	do.	
Herring.	6	do.	do.	
Salmon Trout.	400	do.	at Whitely, and township of Pickering.	
White fish.	50	do.	do.	
Salmon Trout.	300	do.	do.	
Salmon Trout.	296	do.	Hamilton, Toronto and Pickering	
Salmon Trout.	50	do.	Pickering.	
White fish.	30	do.	do.	
White fish.	50	Kept these fresh and	Salted for family use.	
Sucker & Muller.	10	do	do	
Salmon Trout.	12	Toronto and sold these	fresh.	
White fish.	65	Fresh.	Fresh.	Toronto.
White fish.	75	do	Fresh.	Toronto and Scarborough.
White fish.	180	do	Fresh.	Toronto and Scarborough.
Salmon Trout.	140	do	Fresh.	do do
Pickered.	10	do	Fresh.	do do
White fish.	20	do	Fresh.	Toronto
Pike.	30	do	Fresh.	do
Eels.	20	do	Fresh.	do
Salmon Trout.	30	do.	Fresh	Toronto.
Salmon Trout	500	do.	Fresh.	Toronto, Mr. Moley caught one
White fish.	300	do.	Fresh.	do { Salmon, which he sold
Pike.	30	do.	Fresh.	do { for 50, caught in his
Herring.	70	do.	Fresh.	do { S. Y. gill net.
Salmon Trout.	200	do	Fresh	Toronto.
White fish.	20	do	fresh.	Toronto.

Whitby and Toronto — Continued

Ashbridges Bay,	John Gursel,	1,	License	900, Pike g. net	1.4
do,	W. Shuter,	1	License	700, do.	7
Toronto Island,	David Ward,	3,	License	6000, S.Y. g. net	22
"	"	"	"	4500, bis. g. net	48½
"	"	"	"	250, Seine	20
"	"	"	"	800, W. g. net,	8½
"	"	"	"	—	14½
do,	Pat Gray,	3,	License	2000, H. g. net	12
"	"	"	"	1000 Pike g. net	30
"	"	"	"	250, Seine	15
"	"	"	"	—	12
"	"	"	"	—	2
do,	George Dorman,	3,	License	3500, bis. g. net	20
"	"	"	"	200, S.Y. g. net	20
"	"	"	"	500, (2 Seine)	24
"	"	"	"	"	30
"	"	"	"	"	20
"	"	"	"	"	1-
"	"	"	"	"	2
do,	John Ward,	1,	License	400 Pike g. net	10
"	"	"	"	1000 H. g. net	4
"	"	"	"	—	2
By Credit,	Wm Ward,	3	License	6000 S.Y. g. net	26½
"	Thomas Blade,	3,	License	250 Seine,	2
"	"	"	"	1400 S.Y. g. net,	"
"	"	"	"	500 W. g. net	"
Toronto. —	Wm Ingledew	2	License	800, bis. g. net,	7
				800 S.Y. g. net,	10
				1600 W. g. net,	10

The Hon^{ble}
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

For year 1871. —

Pike	140	fresh	Toronto
Pike	70	do	
Salmon Id	220	do	Toronto
White fish	485	do	
Rough fish	200	do	
Herring	85	do	
Ciscoes	145	do	
Pike	120	do	Toronto
White fish	300	do	
Herring	150	do	
Rough fish	120	do	
Roast fish	14	do	
Smoked Cisco	210	Smoked	Toronto
Ciscoes	200	Fresh	"
Herring	240	do	"
White fish	300	do	"
Rough fish	100	do	"
Roast fish	5	do	"
Salmon Id	20	do	"
Herring	100	do	"
Pike	40	do	"
Sucker	12	do	"
S. Trout	265	do	Toronto and Pt Credit,
White fish	24	do	For family use. —
"	"	"	Did not fish them. —
"	"	"	Did not fish them. —
Ciscoes	70	fresh	Toronto, Hamilton and Oakville
S. Trout	100	do	do do do
White fish	100	do	do do do

Hamilton, Ontario
3rd January 1872.

John W. Kent
J. Pease

For Year 1871. —
Between Wherry Harbour, and Bronte. —

56 Men employed net fishing Year 1871. —

8. Seines. 2190 Yards of White fish, Starling, pickled and rough fish "Seines". ropes &c.	\$2190.00
3600 Yards of pickled gill net. —	216.00
11800 Yards of Cisco and St. gill net. —	1180.00
44200 Yards of Salmon &c. gill net. —	2245.00
19200 Yards of White fish gill net. —	960.00
	<u>Total \$6790.00</u>
Add, 30 Boats.	1120.00
34 Reels.	102.00
60. Fish boxes. —	60.00
22. Barrows.	22.00
	<u>Gr^d Total \$8175.00</u>

Remarks. —

Please find on the other side a summary of
all the different kinds of fish taken in the division
of the Hamilton District. The Market price &c. &c.

The Hon: Minister Hamilton, Ont.
of Marine and Fisheries 3. January 1872. —
Ottawa. —

John W. Kerr
J. W.

The Year 1871,

Lake Ontario Division of the Hamilton District, between
Whitby Harbour, and the Village of Bronte.

No. of Marrels.	Description of fish	Amount.	
		\$	¢
2.	Of Fresh pickeral. — all fresh.	20	00
4.	Of suckers, and mullet. —	22	00
2.	Of eels. —	20	00
20.	Of Smoked Scisecs. —	2 10	00
52.	Of Rough fish. —	4 20	00
57.	Of pike. —	4 85	00
68½	Of Herring. —	6 72	00
284½	Of Salmon Trout. —	29 50	50
225	Of White fish. —	22 59	00
3	Of Roast fish. —	19	00
41½	Of Fresh Scisecs. —	4 25	00
	One Salmon Caught in S. V. gill net.		50.
759½	Marrels. —	Total \$	75 03 00

Correct as per Annexed Return herewith,
Hamilton, Ontario.

John W. Kerr

3rd January 1872. —

S. O.

Between Black Creek, Niagara River

In Niagara River	W. M. Little	4	License 80 yds Seine.	2
Black Creek	"		"	2
In the Niagara River	Charles A. Harris	4	License 80. Seine.	12½
at Fort Erie	"		80 Seine.	12½
"	"		"	5
For Maitland	Henry R. R. R.	2	License 250. Seine.	10.
"	"		20 Trap nets	5
"	"		"	4
"	"		"	3
Dunville by R.R.	Wm. M. Green	20	License 300 Seine (6.)	3
"	John Logan & Co.	"	9 Dip Nets	22
at Wardell Creek	T. & J. Wardell	2	License 1200. W. f. g. net.	11
Wardell Bay	Isaac Culp & Son	3	License 1500 W. f. g. net.	10
Millers pt	Isaac Culp & Son	2	License 800 W. f. g. net	6
do.	Ambrose Lloyd	1	License 200. W. f. g. net	2
at Miller Bay	Christ. Shank	1	License 300. W. f. g. net	1
" Hoover Bay	John Head & Co	2	License 880. W. f. g. net	15
Hoovers point	Lideon Smart & Co	2	License 1800. W. f. g. net	16½
Sandusky by R.R.	William Wardell	2	License 200. Seine	10
"	"	"	" 800 W. f. g. net.	5
Peacock point	Wm. Stoll	2	License 1000. W. f. g. net.	10
do.	George Howard & Co	2	License 800. W. f. g. net.	4
Hartwick.	Tim Stone & Co.	2	License 800. W. f. g. net.	6
do.	Thos. Snowden	1	License 120 W. f. g. net.	1
Walpole.	James Dargue	2	License 600 W. f. g. net	4
Woodhouse - do.	Charles Shreve & Co	3	License 2000 W. f. g. net.	22
do	John Shaw	2	License 1200. W. f. g. net.	9
do.	Wm. Law	2	License 2000. W. f. g. net.	10
For Ryersee	Cal th Layhe	2	License 1700 W. f. g. net	8
do.	George W. Ward	2	License 700 W. f. g. net.	2½
at Fort Erie	Wm. Chamber and others	10.	Net. 5600 yds of	50
		"	lines and hooks	30

The Hon^{ble} The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries

J. M. M. M.

and No 3 Ryerson, In Lake Erie, for year 1891. —

pickled	20	fresh	In the neighborhood
Herring	20	"	do
pickled	125	"	In Buffalo, this fishing injured by the
Herring	125	"	building of the International
Rough fish	30	"	Bridge in the River here.
pickled	100	"	In Buffalo
Catfish	70	"	do
Rough fish	24	"	do and Pt Maitland
Herring	30	"	Dunville
Pickled	30	"	Dunville
Rough fish	220	"	do and Caledonia
White fish	110	"	do and Rainham
White fish	100	"	In Rainham and Dunville
White fish	60	"	do
White fish	20	"	For family use
White fish	12	"	do do
White fish	150	"	Rainham
White fish	165	"	Rainham and Saltick
Rough fish	100	"	Chapside and Saltick
White fish	50	"	do do
White fish	100	"	Chapside and Saltick
White fish	40	"	For family use
White fish	60	"	Shanticks
White fish	12	"	For family use
White fish	40	"	Cat Chow
White fish	220	"	Cat Chow & Mince Magalloway &c
White fish	90	"	do do
White fish	100	"	do do
White fish	80	"	At Ryerson
White fish	25	"	do
Pickled	500	"	Buffalo
Sturgeon	300	"	do

Hamilton, Ont.

5th January 1892

John A. Kent

S. A.

For Year 1871,
Between Black Creek, and Pt Byerssee.

65. Men employed pot fishing - year 1871. —
10. Men employed hook fishing. —
11. Series. — 990, Yards of Herring, pickled, and
Rough fish series, including ropes. 990.00
20. Trap nets at \$ each. — 160.00
9. Dip nets at 2 each. — 18.00
18500. Yards of White fish gill net at per
19.490 100 yards \$6. — 1110.00

Total. \$2278.00

Add. — 36. Boats, 550.00
About 5650 Yards of Pickled and
Sturgeon line, hooks, and linings included 250.00
By Total. — \$3078.00

Remarks —

Please find on the other side a
summary of all the different kinds of fish
caught in this division of the Hamilton Dis-
trict. The blanket price \$c. 10. 10.
The Honble Hamilton Onto John W Kent
Minister of Marine 5. January 1872. — P. O.
and Fisheries
Marine.

The Year 1871. —
 Lake Erie, and Niagara River, between Black
 Creek, and St. Agnes, division of the Hamilton
 District. —

No. of Barrels	Description of fish. —	Amount.	
		£	s
77½	Of Pickled.	775	00
17½	Of Herring. —	175	00
41	Of Rough fish. —	374	00
5	Of Cat fish fish	70	00
30	Of Sturgeon. —	309	00
143	Of White fish. —	1434	00
314	Barrels. —	Total. —	3128 00

John W. Kerr

Consent, as per answer = D. O.
 and return herewith. —

Hamilton Ontario. —

5 January 1872. —

I, Benjamin Isaac, do hereby acknowledge to have re-
 ceived from the Fishing Department of Canada, from the
 hands of Mr John W. Kerr, Fishing Officer, certain Herring
 gill nets (about 800 yards) seized by him from me on the night
 of the 13th day of October 1870. — for illegal use thereof in
 Lake Ontario, at Burlington Beach on my part. — and I
 hereby certify that such destruction to me of said gill nets
 was made upon my application and promise to the said
 Mr John W. Kerr, that I should not again use the said
 Herring gill nets in violation of the law. — — —

Dated this 19th day of December 1871. —

Witness James Wattell Benj^m X Joyce

Between 1852 & 1853, and 1854 =

Four Mile Cr.	James Cantwell	2	License	500. Seines	10
"	"	"		2500. W. J. g. net	4
"	"	"		1800 Pick. g. net	—
Four Mile Creek,	J. A. H. Lytle	4	License	500 Seines	1
Two Mile Creek,	John Bolton	4	License	800 Pick. g. net	21½
"	"	"		300. Seines	23½
"	"	"		"	4
"	"	"		"	5
Niagara & River,	Thomas Elliott	4	License	250 Seines	10
"	"	"		110. Seines	17½
"	"	"		"	5
do, do,	Thomas Mott	4	License	230. Seines	5
"	"	"		100. Seines	6
Niagara	John Hand	2	License	1800 W. J. gill net	15
"	"	"		1500. S. J. g. net	3
"	"	"		800 Pick. g. net	4
"	"	"		300 Cisco. g. net	—
Niagara	David A. Ball	2	License	2000 W. J. g. net	7
"	"	"		1200 Pick. g. net	15
"	"	"		"	5
"	"	"		"	2
Niagara River	Henry Sheppard	3	License	80 Seines	20
at Okeuston.	"	"		"	7
do, do	Joseph Gabriel	2	License	1 Machine	30
"	"	"		"	3
"	"	"		"	2
do, do	John Woodworth	2	License	2 Machine	30
"	"	"		"	15
do, do	David Lethbride	2	License	1 Machine	10
"	"	"		"	5
Beside the above - There was caught by ang- of black b. & p. & of pick. & wh.					
do	The Hon. Mr.				
	The Minister of				
	Marine and Fisheries				
	Illinois				

Town Report - for year 1841. —

White fish	100	feet,	Niagara	
Pickarel,	40	"	"	
"	—	"	"	
White fish	10	"	Niagara	
Pickarel fish	215	"	Niagara	
White fish,	235	"	"	
Herring.	24	"	"	
Sturgeon.	30	"	"	
Herring.	100	"	Niagara,	
White fish.	175	"	"	
Rough fish,	45	"	"	
White fish,	50	"	Niagara	
Rough fish	54	"	"	
White fish.	150	"	Niagara.	
Salmon &c	30	"	"	
Pickarel.	40	"	"	
"	—	"	"	
Pickarel.	70	"	Niagara	
White fish,	150	"	"	
Sturgeon.	50	"	"	
S. Trout,	20	"	S. Bridge St. Catharines, and the	
Herring.	200	"	County of Lincoln	
Rough fish,	70	"	"	do
Herring.	300	"	"	do
Sal.	30	"	"	do
Sturgeon.	20	"	"	do
Herring.	300	"	Niagara	Greenston & Unionton
Rough fish	150	"	do.	do
Herring.	100	"	Greenston, St. David and St. Cath's	
Rough fish,	50	"	St. David & St. Bridge.	
being during the season about ten barrels of herring, price				
I have added in with the footing up of this return,				
Hamilton, Onto.,				John W. K. S.
4. January 1842,				J. O.

For Year 1871.
Between G. S. Hallhouse and Alexander Wright

3) Men employed at fishing, for year 1871. —
 8, line 2270, yards of white fish line, including fish line,
 and rough fish line, rope included to, 2270.00
 4500 yards of netted gill nets at per
 100 yards = \$5, 308.00
 5400 yards of white fish gill nets, at
 per 100 yards = \$5, 322.00
 1150 yards of 2' 6" gill net at
 per 100 yards = \$5, 75.00
 300 yards of bass gill net
 at per 100 yards = \$5, 30.00
 Total \$3063.00
 Add — 14 Boats 385.00
 4 Machines 400.00
 Lya Total \$3848.00

Receipts

Please find on the other side a summary
 of all the different kinds of fish caught in
 this division of the Hamilton District. —
 The Market Price

John W. K. R.

W. A.

Hamilton City

4. January 1872,

The Hon Minister of
 Marine and Fisheries,
 Ottawa.

The Year 1871

Lake Ontario and Niagara River Division of
the Hamilton District, between P. Ralhouse and
Queenston Heights.

No. of Barrels.	Description of fish. —	Amount.	
		¢	¢
36½	Of Pickeral.	365	00
87.	Of White fish. —	860	00
5.	Of Salmon Trout. —	50	00
104.	Herring. —	1024	00
12.	Of Sturgeon. —	100	00
38.	Of Rough fish. —	369	00
3.	Of Bafs - White bafs. —	30	00
10.	Of Sturgeon caught by Anglers	100	00
5.	Of Black bafs. — do. —	50	00
5	Of Pickeral — do. —	50	00
305½	Barrels. — Total. —	2998	00

Correct, as per annexed John W. Kerr
return herewith. J. O.

Hamilton Ont.,

4, January 1872,

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

9. January 1872,

Will you be pleased to find here-
with, three division returns of my district

1. From Whitby Harbour to Pointe du Lake
Ontario. —
2. From Pt. Dalhousie to Greenston Strait. —
3. From B. Creek, Niagara River to Pt. Reynolds
Lake Erie. —

I have two more divisions to send
you still. —

The Hon. Ministers
of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

I Have the
Hon. W. Kerr
T. A.

Confidential,

My dear Mr. Whitchee, —

I am in receipt of your letter, and
shall start for here at 9.10, A.M., tomorrow morning.
Your instructions, and kind advice are so explicit, that
I think, I understand them, however, if I find as I pro-
ceed that I require instructions or advice, I shall im-
mediately avail myself of your kindness, telling you
at the same time, where to address me. —

Unless something unforeseen happens, I shall be at
the Board Room, on tomorrow night. —

Hoping that I shall be able to get on all right
and do everything to your satisfaction, believe me
very respectfully, and sincerely Yrs.

John W. Kerr
T. A.

21. Feb: 1872.

Mr. J. Whitchee Esq
Commissioner
Ottawa.

Sir,

12, January 1872.

I have the honor to send you the remain-
ing two division returns of my district for the year
ending 31st day of December 1871. —

Those are as follows viz. —

§ From Pointe à la Pêche to Pt Dalhousie on Lake Ontario,
and from Pt Ryerse to Pt Galbott on Lake
Erie, ~~these returns~~ terminate my entire district ^{returns} from
Whitby Harbour, Lake Ontario to Pt Galbott
on Lake Erie for the year ending 31 Dec 1871. —

x As I had no instruction I did not return
the stations east of the Ron Law, ^{nor west of Pt Galbott} — Will send

my written report by Monday, next. —
The Hon Minister Have &c.

&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr

I remain. —

x Will send my written report by Monday next.

① There are three stations there. —

In Lake Ontario, Between Toronto and

Toronto. -	Thos. Jones & Co.	3,	License 3000 lbs g. net	16
"	"	"	" - - -	16
W. Beach. -	Wm. Jones	2,	License 800, 84. g. net	6
do. -	James Maddell	2,	License 200 seine -	6
"	"	"	250, 84. g. net	1
W. Beach. -	Mrs Joan Baldrey	2,	License 600, 84. g. net	2
"	"	"	250. seine	3
W. Beach.	Duncan McMillan	1,	License 100 84. g. net	1
W. Beach. -	W. Sherburne	2,	License 1000 84. g. net	2
"	"	"	" - - -	13
W. Beach. -	G. H. Corey. -	3,	License 450 seine -	5
"	"	"	250 seine. -	6
"	"	"	200. 84. g. net	10
W. Beach.	Sam. McQuayne	4	License 2000 84. g. net	10
"	"	"	600 seine	40
"	"	"	250. seine	5
"	"	"	" - - -	7½
W. Beach.	Wm. Rie & John Lafe	3	License 600 seine	28½
"	"	"	250. seine	13
"	"	"	1500 lbs. g. net	6½
"	"	"	2000 S. S. g. net	11
"	"	"	1900. Cis. g. net	2½
W. Beach. -	Wm. Rodkins. -	4,	License 600 seine	5
"	"	"	250. seine	20
"	"	"	200. 84. g. net	3½
W. Beach. -	Allen. Rolke. -	2	License 1000. 84. g. net	17½
"	"	"	600. 84. g. net	11.
W. Beach. -	Wm. Golds. -	4	License 600 seine	10
"	"	"	" - - -	6
"	"	"	250 seine.	6
"	"	"	1200 Cis. g. net	6
Beach - Wm	Dr. Armstrong. -	1,	License 700 S. S. g. net	1 ½
"	"	"	350 Cis. g. net	2 ½
"	"	"	" - - -	5½
W. Beach. -	Dr. Ritch	4	License 600 seine. -	10, 5½
"	"	"	250. seine. -	10½
"	"	"	500 Cis. g. net	12½
"	"	"	" - - -	3 12½

Pl. Walhousie. For year 1871. —

Ciscos	160.	fresh,	Hamilton, Bronte and Wellington D.
Ciscos	164	smoked,	do. And surrounding Country. —
Herring,	60	fresh,	Hamilton, —
Herring, —	60	fresh,	Burlington Beach. —
Round fish	8	fresh, —	do. —
Herring,	20	fresh,	Burlington Beach. —
Ciscos,	30	fresh, —	do. —
Herring, —	10	fresh, —	Burlington Beach. — Ferryman,
Ciscos, —	20	fresh,	Burlington Beach. —
Herring, —	130	fresh,	do,
White fish,	50	fresh,	Hamilton.
Herring, —	60	fresh,	do, —
Rough fish,	100	fresh,	do. —
Rough fish.	100	fresh,	Hamilton, and Dundas. —
Herring,	400	fresh,	do do,
White fish,	50	fresh,	do do,
Ciscos, —	75	smoked,	Hamilton. —
Ciscos, —	285	smoked,	Hamilton. —
White fish,	130	fresh, —	do,
Salmon Trout,	65	fresh,	do,
Herring, —	110	fresh,	do, —
Pike, —	25	fresh,	do.
White fish, —	50	fresh,	Hamilton. —
Rough fish, —	200	fresh,	do,
Herring, —	35	fresh,	do
Ciscos, —	175	smoked,	Hamilton, This man has had great mis- fortune in his family, — See Report.
Herring, —	110	fresh,	do,
White fish, —	100	fresh,	Hamilton
Ciscos, —	60	smoked	do.
Rough fish,	60	fresh	do
Herring, —	60	fresh,	do
Salmon Trout	10	fresh,	Hamilton,
Herring,	20	fresh	do
Ciscos, —	55	smoked,	do,
White fish	100	fresh, —	Hamilton
Rough fish	105	fresh, —	do
Herring,	125	fresh, —	do
Ciscos, —	30	smoked, —	do,

Monte and Pt Dalhousie

N. Beach, —	Jonathan Carey Ho	1	Licence 1000 S.Y. g. net,	15
"	"	"	1400. Cis. g. net	3
N. Beach, —	H. Carey,	2	Licence 100. Seine,	2½
"	"	"	200 St. g. net,	2
Wynona, —	Pat Hand	2,	Licence 1200 W. g. g. net,	36
"	"	"	400. St. g. net	1
"	"	"	" — " —	4
"	" —	"	" — " —	40
Jordan, —	Rich ^d Gilbert	3	Licence, 150 Seine. —	6
"	"	"	800. W. g. g. net,	12
Clinton, —	Abm ^m Noble, —	2	Licence 1800 W. g. g. net,	15
"	"	"	" — " —	1
Pt Dalhousie, —	Pat ^r Hath. —	2	Licence 800 Cis. g. net,	5
"	"	"	1800. S.Y. g. net,	5 5
"	"	"	1000. W. g. g. net,	15
"	"	"	80. Seine. —	4
"	"	"	"	5
Wilmington Bay, —	George Hall	61	Licence 61 Spears.	122
"	and 60 others, —	"	"	10
"	"	"	"	5
Wynona, —	Alex ^s Jones, —	2,	Licence 2000 W. g. g. net	40
"	"	"	100 St ^g g. net	1
"	"	"	"	1
"	"	"	"	1

The Hon^{ble} Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa, —

Continued - for year 1871. -

Cisco & Herring	150	Smoked	Hamilton
Salmon St.	30	fresh	Hamilton,
White fish.	25	fresh	Hamilton,
Herring.	20	fresh	do,
White fish.	360	fresh,	Hamilton,
Salmon Trout,	10	fresh,	do. -
Herring.	40	fresh.	In Saltfleet
"	"	fresh,	Hamilton
White fish,	60	fresh,	St. Catherine,
Rough fish,	120	fresh,	do,
White fish.	150	fresh,	Beausville. -
Salmon Trout,	10,	fresh,	do,
Salmon St.	50	fresh,	St. Catherine and Pt. Dalhousie. -
Herring.	50	fresh,	do,
White fish.	30	fresh,	do,
Pickled,	75	fresh	do
Rough fish.	20	fresh,	do
Cisco.	50	fresh,	do
Herring.	1220	Salted	Kept for family use. -
Sal.	100	fresh,	Hamilton,
Pike.	30	fresh,	do,
White fish,	400	fresh,	do,
Salmon St.	10	fresh,	Hamilton, St. Catherine and Wagonai,
Herring.	10	fresh,	do,
Sturgeon.	10,	fresh.	do.

Hamilton, Ont.

4th January 1872. -

John M. Kerr

T. O.

The Year 1871,
Bronte and Pt Dalhousie, year 1872

112 Men employed at fishing and spearing 127, -

17. Line - 5730 Yards of White fish, Herring, and
Rough fish, Line, Ropes, &c. &c. &c. 5730
100 Yards of Sturgeon gill net, 30
16,500 Yards of Cisco and Herring gill net. 1650
6,200 Yards of White fish gill net. 415.
5,500 Yards of Salmon Trout gill net. 275
"Add" - Total. - \$ 8100

24 Boats, - 720
26. Large Reels. - 78
34. Marrows. - 68
34 Fish Boxes, and Set Reels. - 34
61. Spears, 122
30. Spearing punts, and Ticht Jacks. - 240
40. Spearing Houses. - 160
Grd Total. - \$ 9522

Remarks -

Please find on the other side, a sum-
mary of all the different kinds of fish
caught in this division of the Hamilton District
The Market price &c. &c. &c.

To. Hamilton Onto John H. H.
The Hon. The 4. January 1872, W. C.
Minister, &c. &c.
A. H. H.

The Year 1871.

Lake Ontario, between Toronto, and Pt. Hall overie
division of the Hamilton District. —

No of Barrels	Description of fish.	Amount	
		\$	%
15.	Of pickered, — — — fresh.	75	00
254.	Of Herring, — — — "	2170	00
73½	Of Rough fish. — — — "	713	00
7½	Of pike — — — — — "	55	00
1.	Of Sturgeon — — — — — "	10	00
26.	Of scisces, — — — — — "	260	00
99.	Of scisces, Smoked. — — —	994	00
150½	Of White fish. — — — fresh.	1505	00
19½	Of Salmon. — — — — —	85	00
10.	Of Belp. — — — — —	100	00
656.	Barrels. — — — — —	Total. \$5976 00	

Correct, as per answered

Hamilton Ont

return herewith. —

John W. Kerr

4th January 1872,

P.A.

In Lake Erie, Between Pt. Ryerse and

Normandale and Turkey points.	Wm. Suck,	4	License 1200 Series	20
"	"			80
"	"			30
"	"			60
"	"			10
"	"			10
Turkey & Long points.	John and Robt Jackson.	3,	License 450 Series	10
"	"			10
"	"			5
"	"			7
"	"			6
Turkey point.	George Helms,	4	License 450 Series	8
"	"			4
"	"			6
Turkey point.	James Crockett	3	License 450 Series	10
"	"			5
"	"			10
Turkey point,	Wm. A. Harris & Co.	3	License 300 Series,	2
"	"			15
"	"			10
"	"			6
Turkey point,	Help? James Harris	2	License Hooks and	9
"	and Abel Harrison,		Series.	3
Secords Bay.	David Straeter.	3	License 200 Series	2
"	"			2
do.	Rudolph Wolfer	2	License 200 Series	5
"	"			10
St. Williams Harbor,	Ric. Johnson...	4	License 300 Series	2
and Long point,	"			4
"	"			8
Long point,	Wm. A. McKenzie	2	License 80 Series	1 1/2
Long pt.	Edw. Bowyer	1	License Hooks & Series	1 1/2
"	"			1 1/2
Long pt.	Wm. Candell	2,	License 250 Series,	3
"	"			2
"	"			

Port Ladbroke, -

For Year 1871. -

White fish,	200	fresh	Simses, and Co. of Norfolk,
Rough fish.	400	fresh,	do, - do, -
Pickled,	300	fresh,	Brantford, Lurgessell, do.
Herring, -	600	fresh	On the ground to the pedlars.
Masked ongs. -	100	fresh,	Simses, and surrounding country
Sturgeon,	100	fresh,	On the ground. -
White fish. -	80	fresh,	Simses, Charlottesville & P. Rowan
Pickled,	100	fresh,	do, do,
Sturgeon. -	50	fresh,	do, do
Herring. -	70	fresh,	do, do,
Rough fish. -	30	fresh,	do, do
Pickled. -	80	fresh,	On the ground to Pedlars.
Herring, -	40	fresh,	do, do
Rough fish.	30	fresh,	do, do
Pickled.	100	fresh,	On the ground to pedlars.
Herring. -	50	fresh,	do, do,
Rough fish.	50	fresh,	do, do.
White fish. -	20	fresh,	On the ground to Pedlars.
Herring. -	150	fresh,	do, do,
Pickled. -	100	fresh,	do, do,
Rough fish.	30	fresh,	do, do.
Catfish. -	90	fresh,	On the ground and through
Sturgeon. -	30	fresh,	the surrounding country. -
Pickled, -	20	fresh,	St. Williams and Charlottesville
Rough fish.	20	fresh,	do, do,
Pickled. -	50	fresh,	St. Williams & Charlottesville
Rough fish. -	50	fresh,	do, do,
White fish. -	20	fresh,	St. Williams & Charlottesville
Pickled. -	40	fresh,	do, do,
Rough fish. -	40	fresh,	do, do
Rough fish. -	15	fresh,	For family use. -
Sturgeon, -	15	fresh,	St. Williams & Charlottesville
Catfish. -	15	fresh,	do, do,
Pickled. -	30	fresh,	Walsingham
Herring. -	20,	fresh.	do, -

Between Port Kanyarua and			
Long point,	Edw Foster & Co.	2, Science 200 seine	1
"	"		3
"	"		4
"	"		4
Big Creek, &c,	Lot Spencer & Co.	30 Science dip net,	20
Pt Burwell,	Mr ³ Chas. Burdau	3 Science 300 seine	20
"	and Peter Burwell.		10
"	"		5
Silver Creek,	J. Kontze.	1 Science 400 W. g net	6
		500 H & V seine	8
Port Bruce,	Jacob Burdau,	3 Science 200 seine,	16
"	"	600 W. g net	8
"	"		6
"	"		12
Pt Bruce,	W ^m Allan Mackenzie	3 Science 200 seine	10
"	"		12
"	"		3
"	"		12
Pt Bruce.	Henry Frause,	3 Science 200 seine	9
"	"		2
"	"		8
"	"		10
Pt Stanley.	Henry Groves,	" Science, Did not fish.	
Pt Talbot	E. W. Gustin.	3 Science 200 seine	10
"	"	"	4
"	"	"	2

The Hon. The Ministers
 &c. &c. &c.

O Nama.

Wm Callcott, for the Year 1871. —

White fish.	10	fresh.	Port Roman,	
Pickled.	30	"	do.	and through Walsingham
Ref. fish.	15	"	do.	do
Catfish.	24	"	do.	do
Pickled.	200	"	Port Dover and Port Royal	do.
Pickled.	200	"	Port Burrell, Vienna Sandy town.	
Herring.	100	"	Gilsonburg and Bayham.	—
Rough fish	30	"	do.	do.
W. fish. —	6	"	do.	do.
W. fish. —	60	"	Malabide,	do.
Ref. fish.	80	"	do.	do.
Pickled	160	"	In Malabide	—
White fish	80	"	do	do
Ref. fish	60	"	do.	"
Herring. —	120	"	do.	"
Pickled. —	100	"	do	
Herring. —	120	"	do	
White fish	30	"	do	do.
Ref. fish.	108	"	do	
Pickled. —	90	"	do	
White fish	20	"	do	
Ref. fish	80	"	do	
Herring. —	100	"	do	
this year, clearing the ground. —				
Pickled.	100	"	In Fingal and surrounding	
Herring.	40	"	do Country. —	
Ref. fish.	12	"	do.,	

Hamilton Onto.
9. January 1872. —

John W Kerr
T. O.

The Year 1871. —

Port Ryerse, and P^t Galbott. —

81. Men employed fishing nets Hooks and lines. —

17, Seines 5680 Yards of White fish and	\$,
other nets, ropes included &c.	5680
1000 Yards of White fish gill net,	60
30 Dip net. —	60
Total.	\$ 5800

Add. — 24 Boats,	480
17 Reels. —	51
34 Barrows,	68
Hooks and Line. —	150

Grand Total \$6549

During the year 1871,

Please find on the the side a summary of all the different kinds of fish caught in the division of the Hamilton District. —
The market price &c. &c. &c.

Hamilton Ont^y John D. Kent
9th January 1872, J.D.
The Hon^{ble}
The Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

The Year 1871.

Lake Erie, between Pt. Pelee, and Pt. Val-
bott division of the Hamilton District

No of- Barrels,	Description of fish,	amount	
		\$	¢
54½,	of White fish. —	546	00
14½,	of Catfish. —	29	00
173½,	of Rough fish. —	1020	00
170	of pickled. —	1700	00
10,	of blacklings. —	100	00
19½,	of Sturgeon. —	195	00
141	Barrels of Herring. —	1410	00
583.	Barrels. —	Total: \$ 5000. 00	

Correct as per an- Schullert
needed return herewith. — D.O.
Hamilton, Onto
9. January 1872. —

My dear Sir,

You will please find the license
herewith, I shall charge you \$2, for it. — and
you will please hand the amount to
Mr Thomas Elliott. — I want you to catch
all the pike, as I have applied for Salmon
pay to put in there in the Creek near
your place. —

Yrs respectfully,
Schullert D.O.

Peter L. Servos Esq
Niagara. —

Hamilton Onto,
26. January 1872.

Sir,

19, January 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Certificate, No: 389, for the sum of sixteen dollars. --

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows: viz: --

1. Mr Samuel William Elliott, in Lake Ontario in front of Whitby "Outside", for this current year of 1872, for to fish Salmon Trout gill nets. -- \$ 10.00
 2. Mr Milton Green, on acct of Gill net License at Frenchman's bay, outside in Lake Ontario, for the year 1871. -- 4.00
 3. Mr Abraham Stones, on acct of Gill net License at Frenchman's bay, outside, in Lake Ontario for the year 1871. -- 2.00
- Total. \$ 16.00

Yours, Minister &c, &c,
Ottawa. --

I Have &c,
John W. Kent,
J. Oversee. --

Lot No: 101. B.F. O. Howard,
250 yards of Seine -- 80 boat 15,

5. Barrel of Herring, --	\$ 4
6. " " Pickled, --	20.00,
1. " " Sturgeon, --	30.00.
2. " " baf, --	5.00
	10.00

Messrs James Claus, George W. Gibson, and George Edwin Smith, did not fish. --
 * a Seine at New Glasgow 250. boat 15,
 * a Seine at Pond Cove -- 250 -- boat 15
 * This about as much as Duncan Campbell
 * Did not fish. --

Lake Shore

January 16, 1872,

Statement of fish caught by George Heggs
in fall of 1871, is as follows:

1. Barrel of White fish. —	2.50
50, " " Herring. — #2,	100.00
25, " " Pickeral. " 3.	75.00
6, " " Bafs, —	18.00
50 Sturgeon. —	50¢ 25.00

Mr Kerr,

Dear Sir. —

\$ 220.50 c-

My, ^{the} same was com-

pletely destroyed by drift wood, and I have done
little or no business this fall. —

Yrs George Heggs,

He should read pound net. —
Mr Heggs only gives the fall fishing. — M Kerr
D.O.

My dear Mr Bancroft,

I send you herewith a state-
ment of fish caught by Mr George Heggs, in Lake Erie, in
front of lot No. 99, B.F. Co's, of Howard. — Thos. Ship-
pey is Heggs partner. — I think you may return
them as follows: —

A pound net, Worth. —	\$ 600,
One boat, — " —	15,
2. Barrels of White fish. —	20,
100, Barrels of Herring. —	400,
50 " " Pickeral. —	250,
12, " " Bafs, —	60
100 Sturgeon. — Say 10 Barrels. —	50

Now I am in a position to say that
I believe this statement correct. —

Hamilton Onts

19. January 1872.

Yrs

M Kerr

D.O.

Sir, I have the honor to receive your letter of the 24th of [unclear] in which you say. . . . This application as you ought to be aware should only have been recommended by you or in any way countenanced or consultation with the person in charge of Ordnance property in that vicinity. . . .

In this case you commit the same oversight that led to conflicting action about removing sand from B. beach. . . . The Minister of course fully understands that you mean such aid entirely in the interest of the fishermen, perhaps enterprising and sensible fellows but it may be none the less embarrassing to the Department.

I explained in my letter of the 25th ultimo, and 2nd instant, more fully for the information of the Hon^{ble} Minister, regarding the sand, and attempted to exonerate myself from the contempt and disdain with which I am looked down upon by Mr Thompson because I told him not to bring his Case against Mr J. H. Corey, a fisherman, without first seeing me upon this subject. . . . As to embarrassing the department, nothing of the kind has up to this present moment entered my mind.

Mr Thompson's attack upon Mr J. H. Corey was a wanton and uncalled for attack, and as a fisherman, and my best man (as Guardian) always helping and assisting me and the department, I certainly had a right to the privilege of being the master of my own mind in the case. . . . I confess to you that my sympathies are with the Fishermen.

As regards my consulting the person in charge of Ordnance lands in Greenston. I have enquired. . . . There is no person in charge there at present, that I am aware of, Mr John Douglas of D^{or}rie was the person in charge of these lands say, about 18 months ago, about which time he got married in Buffalo, to a rich Widow lady, to which City, he then removed and where he has ever since resided.

I addressed myself to the Hon: Minister, my legitimate head of the department, but did not intend to embarrass, I assure you. - I am bound to do this. - I pride myself I hold an humble, but honorable position, as Overseer. - It was my duty to apply in behalf of a very worthy man Harry Sheppard, a fisherman, well and favourably known to Colonel Bollen, Chief of the Ordnance lands, Ottawa, only thinking, one thought, at the time, that I was doing an upright fisherman a kindness he solicited.

In conclusion, I may add, that it always does my heart good to be in a position to speak to the department favourably of the fishermen.

Hon: Minister

He. He. He.

Ottawa. - -

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

O. Overseer.

Postages paid 22 instant 7 of

Sent to Notices respecting licences, speckled trout, hals and pickered shore season to the following persons this day. -

1. Mr. John Burrell, Frenchman's bay -
2. Mr. John Morley, Leslieville P. office. -
3. Mr. Thomas Elliott, Niagara P. office. -
4. Mr. Wm. Snook, Turkey point. -
5. Mr. Peter Price, St. Williams. -
6. Lot. Spencer, Port Royal. -
7. Queen House, Port Royal. -

Sent in of it 3

Feb.

22nd January 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith my diary for the quarter ending 31st of December 1871. -

You will find ^{the amount} ~~it~~ high, in consequence of being obliged to get up returns, attend to the White fish gill net fishermen on Lake Erie, attend to the Salmon River &c, and your special duty ^{you} ~~sent~~ ^{me up} on to the Round Bay, and Buckhorn County of Kent. - -

I had no help than ten persons employed guarding the Salmon and other fish ^{and stop and prevent contraband of the fish} during the last quarter. -

You will find ~~however~~ that Mr. Wm. Starbuck's returned for ~~one~~ ^{the} entire year, \$60. - This was fixed by Mr. Saml. Wilcox with myself jointly. - -

Then, as regards Mr. Peter Price, Turkey and Long points - His salary is for six months \$60. - There ~~is~~ has been considerable boating, and some driving connected with the duties of Mr. Price. - These ^{duties} will be now curtailed, and as his limits of jurisdiction are ~~greatly~~ ^{in consequence} lessened and reduced, his salary will meet a similar fate. - -

(1) My diary, for disbursements &c, for the quarter ending 31st of December 1871. - amounts to. - 181.50.

1.	Mr. David Brandell, The Rouge River, see No: 1.	20.00.
2.	" Peter Price, Turkey point, &c, &c, "	2. - 60.00.
3.	" G. H. Corey, Burlington Beach. - "	3. - 15.00.
x 4.	" William Engledew, Melton. - "	4. - 10.00.
x 5.	" Wm. Higgins, Caledon. - "	5. - 15.00.
x 6.	" Wm. Stellwell. - Island Creek. - "	6. - 10.00.
x 7.	" Richard Snow, Whitby. - "	7. - 15.00.
x 8.	" Wm. Starbuck, Duffins Creek. - "	8. - 60.00.
9.	" George R. Starr, Portman. - "	9. - 15.00.
10.	" St. W. Kays, - R. office apt. - "	10. - 3.80.
11.	" James G. Wilcox, River Credit. - "	11. - 10.00.
12.	" Duncan, Stuart & Co. Stationery. - "	12. - 3.00.
13.	" John W. Kern, Office rent. - "	13. - 5.00.

Total \$ 422.30

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The Guardians, with the exception of ~~Miss Price~~, will not appear again under pay until next fall unless some unforeseen case happens. -- Mr Price's salary will have to come down to \$25 for the year. -- You have authorized me to put on ~~Miss Price~~, Spence, and Mowbray on Big Creek, &c. to protect the pick-
led, and stop illegal fishing in April &c. Their salary I shall fix with strict regard to economy, according to the duties they perform, which will be only for a limited period. --

As regards Mr. Stetrich's salary, Dufferin Creek - it will have to be reduced again. -- He neglected his duty!! Mr Wilmet and myself shall fix it, and all the other River Guardians, which I consider in no case should exceed \$25, except some ex-
traordinary emergency ~~of a case~~ shall demand it. --

You will find that I travelled during the quarter 2674 miles. -- The last quarter of the year ~~you will find is always~~ ~~and the second q^r is always most~~ expensive. -- all of which is respectfully submitted, --

I Have &c.
The Hon^{ble} Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa. --

I shall be

O. Ouellet. --

Postages 9¢ sent in ~~of~~

My dear Sir,

I send you herewith at your request the License. -- Send me the money \$8, as soon as pos-
sible. -- I am not allowed to give credit any more. --

I only charge you \$4, for the pond, and \$4. for the outside fishing. I want and wish you to make all you can for yourself and the hands. Keep a correct acct^y of all the fish for me. --

Y^r Truly
I shall be

O. O.

Mr Richard Gilbert,
Fisherman.
Near the L. M. Ry.
Jordan. --

26. January 1872.

Sir,

25, January 1872,

I have the honor to state for your information, that the fish usually speared in Lake St. Clair, are pike, pickerel, bass, and muskies. — I would recommend permission to be given to spear the same from the 1st of January until the 31st of March, both days inclusive. —

In granting this privilege, I would strongly recommend you not to allow any spearing to be carried on within half a mile of the mouth of the Thames River, where it enters Lake St. Clair. — My reason for doing this, is in order that the Seine fishermen of the River Thames, will have nothing to complain of; — cannot say that the run of the fish has been molested, and turned away from the River by spearing fishermen. —

Men spearing at Lake St. Clair, should pay a license of at least \$2, for the three months because they sell all their fish which are sent by Train to the Detroit Market. —

Seining will commence at Mitchell's bay &c, and in the River Thames, through, and under the ice, next month. —

Wednesday 24th January 1872,

At B. beach. found all regular, went out at 8. A. M. came in at 4¹/₂ P. M. Miles about 24. Ice Cutter. — 2nd.

Sunday, 28. January 1872,

On B. bay, and beach, found James Waddell, John Robinson, and George Hall, Jonathan Corey, David Armstrong, and Robt. Fletcher out in Lake Ontario lifting their seine gill nets. — Compelled to do this in consequence of the severe weather warned them not to repeat the act. — It was contrary to law, and I must take notice of it went out at 9¹/₂ A. M. came in at 5 P. M. miles about 30. — Ice Sleigh. — 2.50

Taxes, - Hamilton District, year 1871. -

	Disinfect.			
J. M. Williams, -	2	00	3	00
James Kennedy, -	2	00	3	00
Arden Carroll, -	10	00	7	60
George Helms, -	2	00	5	60
Charles Smith, -	1	00	4	45
Philip Wells, -	1	00	2	40
George Petty, -	5	00	2	95
Darius Mearns, -	3	00	2	95
John M. Fick, -	5	00	2	75
Jacob W. Peunee, -	5	00	3	00
Joseph Roadhouse, -	1.	00	2	50
Isaac Mowers, -	1	00	---	---
Henry Osborne, -	2	00	2	05
Amable Bayou (<u>Dr.</u>)	2	00	2	05
Moses White, -	1	00	---	---
Albert Treckett, -	1	00	---	---
Joseph White, -	1	00	---	---
Stephen St. Brown, -	1	00	2	95
Abraham Brown, -	1	00	2	95
Wm Brandell, -	4	00	---	---
Owen Mowers, -	20	00	---	---
Wm Snook, -	20	00	---	---
George Helms, -	20	00	---	---
Robert Jackson, -	5	00	3	50
Henry Rols, -	5	00	3	50
John Conners, -	1	00	2	38
St. George, -	1	00	2	37
Elisha Smith, -	10	00	3	00
Wm Smith, -	10	00	3	95
James Crockett, -	1	00	3	50
Cyrus Eble, -	1	00	3	10
Richard Blane, -	---	---	2	80
Simon Oliver, -	25	00	2	95
Frank Moore, -	1	00	2	05
Robt Bloomfield, -				
Robt M. Douglass, -				
Alfred Plimpton, -				

Continued

Sals: Wright. -	1	00	2	05
Wm. McLeart. -	1	00	---	---
John Fishes. -	---	---	3	50
Ben & Thos: Jones. -	"	---	---	---
Total \$	173	00	90	85

All of which is respectfully
Submitted. -

Hamilton, Onto.

30. January 1872.

The

Hon. The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

John W. Stewart,
J.O.

Wednesday 31. January 1872,
at B. beach. - put up notice regarding the Li-
censes, went out at 10¹/₂ a. m. came home at 5
p. m. miles 24. No bligh. -

Sir,

1. February 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith my return of fines, for the year 1871. — This comprises the whole of my district, so far as coming under my ~~rights~~ own personal views, and observation. —

I send you herewith the sum of One dollar. This amount you will apply as paid to me by Sal. Wright 50, and Alfred Munson 50%. — You will please put their names upon the return herewith enclosed. —

I have repeatedly called upon John A. Backhouse Esq. J. P., resident at Walsingham post office, — County of Norfolk who acted with me, and who I presume collected in the money, to send half of the fines to you, whether he has done so or not, I cannot say, I give you his P. office address, so that you may call upon him. — The fines imposed at Galt were paid in.

I Have &c

John W. Benson
J. D.Hon. The Minister
of
Hawaii. —

Postage this week 9¢ — sent in add.

Mailed Winfield Whisett, License for Samuel William Elliott, this 5. Feb. 1872, to White to fish outside in Lake Ont., between Whitley Pt. and Ashawa. — postage 3¢ sent in add.

J. W. Benson

Sir,

5. Feb; 1872, -

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30th of November last, to mine of the 28th of the same month, in which you say, "The burning that the nets mentioned in your letter of the 28th instant, have been merely being set, and are not formally confiscated, the Minister appears of your restoring them to the force."

In reply, I have to report, that the nets referred to, were being fished, without a license, and upon licensed grounds - see section 13. of the Act. and Regulation, dated 23rd of August 1870, I did not deem it necessary to institute further proceedings beyond the seizure as after talking the matter over with Joice, when he failed to get a beach warrant - poor Hopkins being dead - who offered to pay his license, and conform to the law in future. - Under sub section 4. of section 16, of the Fisheries Act, the seizure being made by me, would not confiscation necessarily follow. -

Having delivered up the net, in compliance with your order, I attach a receipt (Copy) for your approval.

Hon Minister,
H. P. Hama

I Have &c
John W. K. O.
J. O.

Sir

5th February 1872. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30th of November last, in reply to mine to you of the 28th of the same month in which - "The Minister says that if your litigation with Mr. Jossé has not and will not occasion the department any expense you may restore to him the seized property".

I have delivered up the nets &c. to Benjamin Jossé, and have taken the enclosed receipts from him as a guarantee. - "I have paid expenses consequent of doing so out of my own salary". -

You further say: "It being presumed that it is only in your custody pending conviction, and forfeiture, and has not yet been legally declared forfeited". -

By reference to the several letters of mine to you, ~~touching~~ on this subject, ranging over a period one year and six months. - You will find the nets and boat were seized and confiscated by me under sub section 4. of section 16. and section 18. of the Fisheries Act. - And only remained in my possession or that of the Department subject at any moment, and every moment to the Minister's order to deliver them up, under sub section 6. of section 16. - I had no power to give up after confiscation, and the department at Ottawa, know this. - Besides the Minister told me at Hamilton and Ottawa, on two different occasions, during the year 1870. that he would not yield an inch to Simcoe Kerr of Brant farm, in the township of Shelton, who urged and encouraged Ben. Jossé, to commit the contraventions of the Fisheries Act, under a mistaken impression that he could give a license to Benjn. Jossé to fish, independent of the Minister, the Fisheries Act, and the Fisheries department at Ottawa, and Simcoe Kerr, actually gave Kerr such a license. -

This case was not of such a trifling nature, as your letter to me of the 23rd of November last, would lead a person to believe. - Your authority under the Fisheries Act, in connection with this case was set at open defiance. - The convictions were quashed &c. &c. The Minister himself told me at Hamilton

and Ottawa, he would fight it out, fight to the last, and would never yield an inch. —

Knowing the Minister's views and desires, as communicated to me, I have faithfully fulfilled and carried them out to the letter. — Mr. Whitaker told me never to give up the nets &c, let it be the last thing I would do. —

You will now observe it was the last thing I done, and I done it strictly honorable to the Minister the department of Fisheries, and myself. —

Mr. Benjⁿ. Lorie, has been his golly out, his false friend since, he says has deserted him. — poor Hopkins is dead. — The honor of the department has been upheld by me subject however to gross insults, and very great annoyance, both myself and family. —

In conclusion I have the consolation of knowing that I have done my duty, and did not yield an inch. — If I am not entitled to all the expenses incurred, I hope at least my conduct has merited the approbation of the Minister and the department.

Benjamin Lorie, and his sons have applied for their license for year 1872. —

The Hon^{ble} The Minister
He. He. He.
Ottawa. —

I Have &c.
L. H. W. Kent
F. R.

Friday 2. Feb: 1872. —

On W. bay, Jeremiah Hudson, paid \$1. for spearing license, heard from Mat; Thompson and James Kirk, that some person broke open the boxes of fish houses on Sunday previous, the spearing is not very good, went out at 10. a. m. came in at 4 p. m. miles 20, 140 fathoms, \$2.00.

Sir

16th February 1872.

I send you the particulars of a discussion held in the Legislative Assembly at Toronto, on a motion of Mr. Albert Bruce M.P., as reported in the Toronto Telegraph of yesterday last. - I don't suppose Mr. Albert Bruce alluded to any part of my district, for if he did, I have simply to refer him to my last Annual report as a refutation of his slander. -

Mr. Simpson McCall M.P. is already so well known to the department at Ottawa in connection with his many wanton and malicious attempts to deprive the Long Point Company, and other property owners of their rights in front of Long Point, Big Marsh, and Big Creek fisheries, in the County of Norfolk, who have leased the fisheries in front of their property. - It does not become Mr. Simpson McCall now to advocate what he has always previously condemned, and say: "A great loss was inflicted upon the people by the present management of these fisheries". -

Mr. Albert Bruce, asks for the Land Owners of Ivey to have the licenses of the fisheries in the Lake and Detroit River, in front of their farm lots, while Mr. Simpson McCall has always heretofore condemned this. -

Hon. Minister,
Ottawa.

I Have &c,
John W. Kent
O. C.

† Tuesday 16th Feb: 1872.

On B. Bay, Thomas Smith and Joes Bent, paid me each \$1. for spearing license, went out at 10. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. miles 20, HX Bligh. - 2.00

† Friday the 16th February 1872. -

At William Gates inlet, thence to the beach Dr. Armstrong paid me his license money for year 1871. \$5, examined the pipe put in to fetch the water from Lake to filtering basin, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 3 1/2. p.m. miles 24. HX Cutler. - 2.50

Sir,

12, February 1872. -

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of the fishermen for permission to fish pike gill nets, in the marshes of Lyon, and Lyon Creek, Township of Whitt, Dufferin Creek, Township of Pickering. The Rouge in the Township of Pickering, Island Creek in the Township of Scarborough. The Stumber, and the Credit, in the Township of Toronto, Salmon River set apart in my district, by regulations for the propagation of Salmon. -

My object in asking for this permission is to kill off the pike say, for about one month in spring, so as to give the salmon a free scope. I suppose might be also taken in the same river with dip net. -

Hon. The Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa. -

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 D. O.

Sir,

12. Feb. 1872.

I have the honor to apply for 100
 photocopied of the following.

Hon. Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 D. O.

Sir,

12. Feb: 1872,

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of the fishermen, and property owners, who live on B. bay, and B. beach. - That permission may be granted by license to fish pike gill net in that part of the bay, situated east of a line drawn from Harney's point, on the south side of the bay, to the wharf on the beach, during about six weeks in the spring time of the year. - -

This will be a boon for all concerned and who will highly ~~appreciate~~ appreciate your permission with gratefulness. -

I make this application for two reasons just - That you will be rendering service in a pecuniary point to the fishermen &c, by allowing the permission at a time when all other kinds of fish in the adjacent waters of Lake Ontario, are scarce. - -

My second reason; is to get some of the pike killed off out of the water; in expectation of having Big Creek entering this end of the bay, restocked during this year with salmon from the Government fish breeding establishment at Bluffcastle. -

I Have &c

John W. K.
 D. O.Hon. Minister, &c, &c, &c,
Ottawa. -

Sir,

12. Feb. 1872,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 7th of February, instant, in reply to mine (two) of the 5th instant, relative to Ben. Loebe, and his son Richard, being hauling without a license; for this offense they were fined, and the net and boat confiscated. -- They appealed to the quarter Sessions, where the conviction were all quashed. -- Mr. Myles O'Reilly J. C., who acted for the department, immediately after the cases terminated directed me at once to leave the Court, so as to avoid being ordered by the Judge to deliver back the net and boat, --

Reported to you on the 16th of June 1870. --

On the night of the 13. October 1870, I seized 800 yards of Herring gill net, in Lake Ontario, belonging to Ben. Loebe for fishing without a license vide Regulation dated 23 of August 1870. -- and also under Section of the Fish Act. -- altho' I had a couple of trials in this case, I imposed no penalty. -- The net both seine, and gill net, I took down to Toronto, and had them stored away there. --

The boat I had to move to three different places, so as to prevent it from being replenished, --

The nets I seized on the 5th of October last, I had no trial on at all. Mr Ben. Loebe found out by this time that his remedy was to submit to the law, and Mr. Whitches having directed me to seize all his nets until he done so. I kept on seizing until he yielded, which however, I may here state he did not do until he found that the Judge had decided against him, by the

Regulation dated 23, of August 1870, which you made to debar him from fishing in Kew pond. I was not permitted without a license from the department to fish at all. —

I am much obliged for the pains taken in Mr. Whitely's letter to explain to me the law in this case of seizure, which I shall duly observe in future. —

I paid, Judge O'Reilly to defend the case at the last Assizes, and I had witnesses also. The boat I had part of the time stored away, and the nets I had stored away in Toronto, thereby incurring expense. — The last seizure I made a trifling expense of drying the nets; in fact drying all the nets was incurred. —

These are the expenses I alluded to. I would have to pay out of my salary; because: The Minister says; that if your litigation with Mr. Joyce, has not, and will not occasion the department any expense, you may restore to him the seized property. — These are the only expenses I referred to. — I had exhausted Mr. Joyce's so much; that I did not stipulate for any of those petty expenses to be paid by him. —

I Have &c
John W. Keane
S. O.

Hon. Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
O'Meara. —

Private,

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your note of the 10th instant, I have not yet received any money for quarter ending 31st of December last, when I do, I shall send you what I promised you. —

You! make a formal demand upon Mr Wm Hartick for your Steaming Seine, — If he does not restore it you at once, then write me. — If he has allowed the seine to get damaged or rotten, he will be made accountable to you for the amount of the said damage. —

Let the Frenchman's bay fishermen get up a petition against me, if they feel in that direction. — Phelps, Fisher, John Russell, now James Hiltz, have not yet paid their business money for the past year, neither has Bill McElt, and although Dan, Plank, and Alfred Munson paid Hartick, it has never arrived as far as me yet. — If I am not very soon, I shall endeavour to get it. — You were with me, when Russell, Hiltz, and Fisher promised me the money. — There is no man talks so hard at me as a certain Salberry Wright who never yet paid a license on his own ^{part} either you or I, always paid it for him, but the last time I paid it, will shall be the last time. —

Mr John Head,
Fisherman,
Duffins Creek.

Yrs Truly
John W. Kerr

Hamilton, Onto,

16. February 1872. —

P. S. I cannot drop me a line, and let me know if any person has commenced to fish yet. — I shall treat you as a witness next time I come down, I cannot come until I get some money. —

Yrs
John W. Kerr

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your application for a fishing ground east of the Brooks fishing, Turkey Pt. Your application shall receive due consideration when I come up, which will be before fishing commences. —

Yrs Truly,

Mr Wilson Wells,

John W. Kern, J. D. Dufferin.

Homandale P. Office, Hamilton, Onto. 16 February 1872.

Private

My dear Smoak, —

Have you got my notices, and posted them up, — The last time I was up and saw you, on my arrival home, there was a letter waiting my return from the Widow, asking for all her ground again. — None however, since I sent you up the notices. —

Mr Wilson Wells, has applied for a place to fish between you and Bob Woods point. — Make a formal written application to me of all your fishing station occupied by you last year, do this at once. —

I hope you are all well. —

Yrs Truly,

Mr W. Smoak, —

John W. Kern, J. D. Dufferin.

Fisherman. —

Hamilton, Onto.

Homandale P. Office. —

16 February 1872. —

Turkey Point. —

Private

Drop the enclosed letter into the P. Office at Homandale, read it first, then seal it up.

John W. Kern,

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13, instant, and a previous one, asking to rent a fishing in Lake Erie from the West side of lot No. 8. Walsingham, to the New cut, on Long pt. I will be up before fishing commences, and shall try and accommodate you. —

Yrs truly,
John W. Kerr
St. Paul
Hamilton, Onto.
16. Feb. 1842.

Mr. Israel Dick,
Port Royal. —
Walsingham. —

My dear Sir,

Your received, you can commence to fish, whenever you are ready, and this shall be your safe guard. —

You can pay the license out of the Sale of your first Catch. —

Yrs truly,
John W. Kerr
St. O.

Hamilton, Onto.
16. February 1842,

Mr. W. J. King,
Fisherman,
Lake Street,
Toronto.

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6 / 5.

Sir,

19. Feb: 1872.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 15th instant, with cheque for \$100, to be applied by me on special duty. -

I beg most respectfully to return you herewith, the receipts for the same. - I shall endeavour to carry out strictly the injunction enjoined upon me. -

I Have &c.

John W. Kent.

D.O.

The

Hon: The Minister

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa

Sir,

19. Feb: 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith, an article I sent you Saturdays Globe of the 17th for your information; thus:

I have also the honor to send you an article I cut from the Toronto Telegraph of the 13th instant regarding the Toronto Island; and the marsh east of the Island, known as Ashbridges Bay. - -

Lest this might escape your notice I consider it my duty to send it to you, it runs as follows: thus!

The Hon:

The Minister &c. &c.

Ottawa

I Have &c.

John W. Kent

D.O.

No. 422.

Original, for the Depositor.

\$ 20.00

Bank of Montreal,
Hamilton

Aug 20 1872

Received from John W. Kern

on account of Fisheries

the sum of Twenty dollars

which amount will appear at the Receiver General's credit with this Bank.

Ent'd. *[Signature]*

Signed in Triplicate,

[Signature]
E. S. Clouston

postage 10¢
sent in
adv.

Sir,

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The particulars have been already sent you by the department at Ottawa, and by myself. - please let me know what you intend to do in this case. - - I send you a copy herewith of the letter, I received touching this case, in reply to my report thereon. -

I am &c.

Sam Wilmot Esq
H. Officer
Newcastle, Onto

John W. Kern
Dufferin

Sir,

20th February 1872,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith Bank cheque No: 422, for the sum of Twenty dollars, -

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows; - that is to say; -

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License, in Lake Ontario, for Salmon Trout gill nets, for
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and West of Otter Creek, License for the cur-
rent year of 1872. - 5.00.

Total, \$20.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted. -

I have &c,

John W. Kerr

J. Co.

The Hon^{ble}

The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

February

Thursday, 22 March 1872

at Chatham and Blenheim on way to Road Lake, by
Railway, and Stage, \$4.85. \$4.00 1.25 board and bed \$1.00
Miles 15.5. - went out 8. a. m. came in 7 p. m., \$7.10.

March 23, 1872, Friday.

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and Duncan Campbell, see my diary for particulars
went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. - miles 35.
Board and room \$3. Breakfast, dinner, tea and bed, and driving
\$1.20.

Friday

Saturday 24 March 1872,

at Blenheim, Buckhorn, Two Creeks & Wheatley, saw
Joshua Lamarch at Wheatley see my diary for
particulars, went out at 11. a. m. came in at
7. p. m. - miles 30, Stage, \$2, breakfast, dinner tea and
bed &c, \$1.10.

19. Feb: 1872.

I have the honor to state for your information, that I reported Mr. Wm. Hartick, the guardman of Duffins Creek, "for neglect of duty", as my letter of the 4th of December 1871. (Copy sent you) will have shown you. - Have you made up your mind, what you will do in his case?

I send you herewith a copy of a letter, I received from the dep^y at the time.

I Have &c.

John W. Kane

Orange.

Wm. Wilmot Esq

H. Officer

Newcastle.

Copy here

postage 10¢
sent in
ad^l

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I have &c,

John Kerr

J. Co.

The Hon^{ble}

The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa. -

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Thursday, 22 March 1872

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miles 155. - went out 6 a.m. came in 7 p.m., 3¹/₂ 7.10.

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Joshua Lamarch at Wheatley, see my diary for
particulars, went out at 11¹/₂ a.m. came in at
7 p.m. - miles 30, stage \$2, breakfast, dinner, tea and
bed &c, \$1.10. -

Sir

Yours of the 16th instant, is received, with the enclosure of Ten dollars from Mr John Burrell a fisherman, at Ippachuanas bay, being his License fee, for the past year of 1871. for "Outside fishing" - in Lake Ontario, with Salmon Trout gill nets, ~~\$40.00~~

With regard to my empowering you to sue the other fishermen in arrears of rent, at the bay, I have no authority to do so, it will be all paid, I presume, after a little time. - I have already sent the usual notices around my district, telling the fishermen, what they may expect, if they don't pay up the arrears. - The department never have to my knowledge resorted to extremes measures to enforce rents. - By the course I have pursued during the past seven years in my district I do not intend to deviate from unless ordered to do so, by the Department at Ottawa. -

W. J. Martineau Esq

He. He. He.

Duffin Creek,

W. Pickering, P. Office.

Yrs respectfully -
John Burrell
F. O.

Hamilton, Onto.

20th February 1872.

postage 3c

Don't interfere with the fishermen any more,
J. W. Kerr
F. O.

Sunday 25, March 1872. -

at Leamington thence to Lake shore at Sturgeon Creek, Pigeon bay, thence to the Island of Point Pelee seen Lenas & Duck and Thomas McCormick fishermen there went out at 8, A. M. Came in at 7, P. M. - Miles about 52, \$4 B. 1.50. Team \$4, - breakfast, dinner, tea and bed \$1. - for parties - see my diary. -

Sir,

21, Feb: 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information that owing to the want of water in the City of Hamilton caused by the low state of the same in Lake Ontario, and the Filtering basin adjacent to the same on N. beach.

The Corporation of the City through their Engineers Mr. Wm. Mackenzie have been obliged to put in a flume 108 feet long, to connect the basin, with the Lake. -- The Capacity of this flume inside is 4 feet x 4 feet. -- It is built of 6 inches by 12 inches, sawn white Oak timber. -- The depth of this flume below the water of the Lake is about 2 feet. --

From the picket fence surrounding the filtering basin, to the water edge of the Lake is 66 feet. The excavation was done about the line between fishing stations No. 7, and 8, and as it is the intention of Mr. Mackenzie to completely cover up the cut made for the flume next spring, and restore the beach to its former shape and position, no damage of any kind will follow.

I merely apprise you of this, because it was carried on, on the Fishery Reserve beach.

Yours, Minister No. No. No.,
Ottawa.

I Have &c,
John W. Love
O. O.

Postage 10¢

Telegram # 1.00, sent Feb 13

Helena

Monday 26 March 1872,

At ~~the~~ Seamington, Pigeon Bay, and Point Pelee, to visit the fishermen Sam Benjamin Siddle, Levi Gray, Philip Delerue, George Kirk Blackford, Francis Genardine, and Peter Genardine, took statements from them went out at 8. a. m. Came in at 6 p. m. Feb 26, Mr. Cutler #1.50, Board \$ and \$ 1. to Dr. Wilkinson, see my diary for particulars. -- -- 3.50

No. 437

Original, for the Depositor.

\$ 30.00

Bank of Montreal,
Hamilton
March 2 1872

Received from John W. Kern.

on account of Fisheries

the sum of Forty Dollars

which amount will appear at the Receiver General's credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd.

Charles G. F. Hui

new, in case of any, at 5.00, for the year 1871. — 5.00.

4, Mr George White, fishing in Lake Ontario at Whitby Harbour, for the current year of 1872. 5.00.

5, Mr Miriam Wardell, fishing in Lake Erie, at Sandusky Creek, Township of Walpole, for the present year of 1872. 5.00

Total. — \$ 30.00

The Hon^{ble}

The Minister,
He.

I Have &c.

John W. Kern
J. O.

* Tuesday 27th March 1872,
at Seamington, Sutton, and Kingsville, and the town of Windsor, I went out at 8, a.m. came in at 4 1/2 p.m. — Board \$ 1.50, Stage 1.25, Telegraphy 50[¢], Sundries 25[¢], Miles 45 3.50

Wednesday 28th March 1872,
* at Windsor, and away down to the fish ponds below Sandwich, — went out at 10 1/2 a.m. came in at 5 p.m., see my diary for particulars. Miles about 10. — Team and Constable 10[¢], Board \$ 4.25, Board \$ 1. — Had several conversations to day about the pond & fishing of Detroit River. — went out about Town for this purpose saw S. S. Macdonnell Esq. 2.00 was in conversation with him. Ad. McGregor, see my diary for further particulars.

Sir,

2. March 1872,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 21st ultimo, asking me to give dates, for the privilege I have recommended of fishing pike gill nets in Os. bay. —

In reply I have the honor to recommend that the period between the 14th of March, and the 10th day of May following, be set apart, provided the water in the Bay, is open; and if not open water, by the 14th of March. — Then from whatever date of open water up to the 10th day of May, inclusive, but no longer. —

The Salmon River Marshes, to be from and between the same dates. —

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa. —

Sir,

4. March 1872,

I have the honor to apply to you, for 100. Season Licenses, for this current year of 1872.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon. Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa

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February

Thursday, 29. March 1872 —

at James McKees, below Sandwich. — to make enquiry about White fish in pond. he gave me a fish he took out day before one solitary fish ^{out} of 3000 he had sold day before to Davis of Detroit for \$14.50 per 100 fish. — Had a ten minute conversation with him, he said he would send me a small box of the fish so that I might judge for myself. — went out at 4 1/2. A. M. came in at 9 — till 8. — cost \$1.50.

Thence to Mr S. B. Macdonell, gave him the fish went from thence by Railway to Neptune Creek. — gave \$2.15, up again to Stony Pt to visit the Spearing Fishermen — 16 Boxes being sent on the day

it.

2, March 1872

I have the honor to send you herewith cheque
No. 29. for the sum of \$30. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount
towards;

Mr Duncan Campbell, fishing in Lake Erie, in port
No. 101. — Broken port Concepcion of the Township
ward, for the past year of 1871. — — \$10.00

Mr Alfred Munson, fishing white fish gill
in Lake Ontario, at Shoal Point, Township of
King, for the past year of 1871. — 5.00.

Mr Dan Marks, fishing Salmon Trout, gill
in Lake Ontario, at St. Catharines bay, for the
year 1871. — 5.00.

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Total. — \$30.00

Yours
The Minister,
&c.

I Have &c,
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&c.

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Sir,

2, March 1872,

I have the honor to bring under your immediate notice my letter to you of the 25th of March 1870, but only to that part of it having reference to Mr. Francis Hook, a fisherman, in the River Thames, in front of lot No. 2, East Docks. —

I fixed all the rents at the time, I have allusion to at of 10. per year, a fair license rent indeed in the year 1870, Mr. Fred^d Hook, occupied the lowest fishing station on the River Thames. — There are now three other fishing stations between him and the mouth of the River. — For some reason or another Mr. McKee, has raised this mans rent from 10 to 15 dollars per year, during the past two years, which he paid without a murmur, however when I made my appearance at the station yesterday, Mr. Hook complained that he was rated too high. His neighbour (fisherman) and I have come to the same conclusion. —

I hope you will be pleased to instruct Mr. J. McKee & Balfour at Wallacumburg to exact no more from Mr. Hook but the original of 10. a year which met your approbation at the time I allude to. —

There is no genuine reason why his rent should be of 5. more than his Confreres. — Your doing this will have a quieting effect, hence my object in drawing your attention immediately to it.

Yours Minister
c. Vc Vc

O. Hawa,

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
&c

Continued from the other side
back to Light House of 1. Board & bed of 1. —
Miles about 40. Jas. Hobbs with me on the sea
directed the spears to pay Tom Cartier the
Light House Keeper for the privilege they
enjoyed. —

Friday, 1 March 1872,

at Baptiste Creek, thence over Lake St. Clair to Big
marsh bay, and Mitchell bay, - met J. L. Brooks,
Alex. Gosson, and A. J. Legee, they were all out on
the ice fishing, - went out at 8 a.m. came in
at 12 noon - Miles about 32 - ~~44~~ Butte of 2.00¢
thence to Baptiste Creek station, and down the River
through the fishing until I arrived at Francis Hook
fishing of 1. - Thence into Chatham, expired at
the Post office for letters - none - Paid \$1. -
44 B. #2. - Railway of 4.35¢, did not get
home until 9 a.m. - on 2d March. -
Miles 175. - - 44 B. - 1.25¢. - ~~Exp. for~~ ^{sent in} of 1.00¢

My dear Peter, -

Will you be pleased to find here
with a post office order for sixty dollars, to apply
on your salary, for the year ending on the 31st
of December 1871. -

If possible, I shall be up in the course of
about three weeks, as some change is necessary
toward the protection and close time of pick-
eral, hals, and maskinonge.

I have been far away during the past
ten days, and go away again tomorrow,

Peter Price Esq
J. C. Wardman
St. Williams.

Yrs Sincerely
John W. Kent
J. P. Wardman
Hamilton, Onto.
4. March 1872,

Received six White Fish from John W. Kent
this 4th of March 1872 -

Gave 2 to J. C. Wardman
" 1 to J. B. Wardman
" 1 to R. W. Wardman
" 1 to R. C. Wardman

I sent post one White Fish on the
5th March 1872 -

Confidential.

5. March 1872,

Sir, Will you be pleased to furnish me with a list of the names of the fishermen on the Detroit River, who pay rent, together with the amount paid by each person.

Also the names of certain fishermen who fish there, but who I understand pay no rent to the Fisheries Department, such for instance as Francis Baron &c.

I require this information, because I shall have to see each individual fisherman there.

I Have &c,

Hon Minister of
Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

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Tuesday 5th of March 1872 -

At Paris, Statford and Goderich, to make enquiry respecting the fisheries, saw James Connolly at Goderich took down his statement, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. Miles, Ry fare Paris to Goderich 2.30, dinner 50¢, shave 10¢, 14¢ Cutter 2.50, Ry fare Hamilton to Paris 95¢, - Tea and bed 50¢ Miles in all .6-25-

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Wednesday 6th March 1872. -

At Goderich, taking down the names of the fishermen, in the town, found them very civil, went out at 8 a.m. came in at 7 p.m. miles about 10. - see my memorandum book. - breakfast, dinner, tea and bed 41. -

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Thursday 7. March 1872,

At Goderich and Bayfield and 2 miles below Bayfield, to ascertain who were fishing there, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 3 p.m. Miles about 36, 14¢ Cutter, 2.50, dinner 50¢ breakfast 25, Tea and bed 50¢ - 64¢ Cutter 41.

Friday 8th March 1872. -

At Goderich, Kincardine, Inverhuron and Simonton, to see the fishermen. - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 9. p.m. - miles about 52. - Board \$1. - Horse Keep \$1. H & Cutters at Kincardine \$1.25, do. 2.50. -

Saturday 9. March 1872. - -

At Simonton, Pt. Elgin, and Southampton and back to Kincardine, went out at 5. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. miles about 52. - H & Cutters 2.50, H feed \$1. Board \$1. - taking down fishermen's names and enquiring about fishing - see my diary book. - -

Sunday 10. March 1872. -

At Kincardine and Goderich. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. - miles 35, H & Cutters 2.50, board \$1.00. - H feed 25. Toll 16. -

Monday 11. March 1872. -

At Goderich, Bayfield, Lakeview, the Bend of the Sable, the Pt. Frank and Widdow Station Pt. Frank, getting names of fishermen fishing &c. went out at 9. a.m. came in at 9. p.m. - miles about 50. - H & Cutters \$4. to John Wilson a fisherman \$2, Board \$1.50. - Took Wilson from Pt. Frank to Widdow Station to Pilot the way, it being dark night. -

Tuesday 12. March 1872. -

At Widdow and Point Edward near the tower of Sarnia, went up the Lake and saw the fishermen, Marcus Hitchcock with me. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - miles about 50. By Lake 95, H & Wagon \$2, board \$1. took statements from each. -

Wednesday 13. March 1872.

At Sarnia and down the River to Simonton Pt. to enquire about the fishing, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 3 1/2 p.m. miles about 44. H & B \$3, board \$1.50. - thence by Railway to Hamilton 4.54, miles about 138. - exp 50. -

got home on Thursday morning at 4. a. m. —
Miles about 141. —

Friday 15. March 1872. —

At Toronto, found Wm Shuter fishing net under the ice, told him to desist, he paid me ten dollars license to commence when ice breaks up. — Mr P. Gray, with me, found all regular otherwise, went out at 11. a. m. ^{#4} ^{#4} B. — 1.50. Miles about 50. By fare ^{#30} 1.30. Board 75¢. —

Saturday 16. March 1872. —

Mr Mich^e Doyle fish dealer — paid me ten dollars for Billy Lang, and ten dollars for Jack M^e Kewan — S. G. g. net fishing at Pt Union. — went out at 9. a. m. came home about 4. p. m. Miles about 46. By fare 1.30. dinner & breakfast 75¢. —

Sunday, 17. March 1872. —

At the Beach to see Robert Fletcher about fishing at Inverhuron — Lake Huron, got a statement from him, went out at 1. p. m. came in at 5 p. m. Miles 16. St & Bugger #2. — — —

Sir

18. March 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque for \$30. — This amount you will please apply as follows: —

1. Mr. John McKewan of Sarnia - License to fish Salmon Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario between Pt. Union and Yates gulley, ~~Lake Ontario~~ for the current year of 1872. — \$10.00
2. Mr. Wm. Gairdner do. do. — 10.00
3. Mr. Wm. White - Toronto license to fish in Ashbridge's bay - Toronto - on acct of 1871. and 1872. — herewith in full. — 10.00

Total. — \$30.00

Hon. Minister,
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa.

I Have &c.

Sent 13 Copies 24. May 1872
 being up to this J.W. Kerr
 &c.

John W. Kerr

J. W.

Confidential

My dear Mr. Whitaker,

I was in Toronto, on Saturday last, Mr. Alex. Macnab p.m., who told me he was in the House, and heard Mr. Albert Bruce, Member for Grey make a speech in which he assailed the Fisheries Department at Ottawa — "for taking from a Widow a fishing she owned from time immemorial, and giving it to another person," I go up to Windsor this afternoon, to give those words below Sandwich a thorough examination, I have 17 pages the gross work of my report roughly written and it will extend as far up as Colchester, so that you may judge what the whole ^{report} will be. Of course what I refer to here, are the statements pro and con, my report proper will be a small affair in comparison, you shall have everything next week. In my report I shall endeavor to do justice to all parties concerned.

I wrote you on the 2^d inst. officially in behalf of Mr. Francis Mack, a fisherman on the River Thames, from whom I received

the enclosed note on the subject to day
 please accede to his request (and oblige
 yours very truly
 W. J. Whitaker Esq. John W. Kerr
 Ann Arbor Mich. Hamilton Onto
 18. all over 1872

B^t break,
 Dear Sir, March 15 1872.
 Saw Mr. McKee this week who
 charged me \$15, for license, is that cor-
 rect? — I remain Sir,
 Yours truly
 D. Shack

Mem: Mr. Shack, lives in the River Thames
 in front of lot 3, East House, Port Conception
 He rents the farm on which he lives. — If he
 catches more fish than his neighbours, it is be-
 cause his gangs work incessantly according to
 law. —
 Hamilton, Onto, John W. Kerr
 16 March 1872. P.M.

*. Monday 18. March 1872.
 At London, and Windsor, to make an inspection of
 the pens in the River. — went out at 9. a. m. got in
 at 9.30. p. m., Miles 18.8, H. B. 1.50, Ry fare 5.85,
 dinner 50¢, Memorandum book 50¢, Tape line 3.00 for
 to measure pens. — tea and bed 50¢.

*. Tuesday 19. March 1872.
 At Windsor and Sandwich — saw Jim McKee, went
 down as far as West Sandwich, saw all the pens.
 So far. — went out 8. a. m. back at 12. Noon
 mile about 10. — H. B. 1.50 — Thence home by Ry
 miles 18.8, Ry fare 5.85, — Telegram 35¢, breakfast
 dinner and supper 1.00 —
 with
 1872

Feb.

20, March 1872

I am requested by Mr. Hal McAuley, a fisherman resident in Bayfield, township of St. Mary and County of Huron, to lay before ^{you} the enclosed petition as his letter to me herewith will point out to you.

I regret to say that the facts set forth in the petition complained of, are not exaggerated. My official report now in preparation will point out fully the things complained of. - Pending my report will you be pleased in the mean time to notify the petitioners that the department have received their petition sent through me.

Mr. Commissioner,

No.

C. Bureau,

I have to
subscribe
Yours
H. A.

Bayfield, 15 March 1872,

J. W. Lave Lefe
Hamilton

Dear Sir. -

You will be kind enough to recollect that the Memorial that I gave to you addressed to the Commissioners of Crown Lands was not signed, but you will be kind enough to put down the names of those that own the land in Bayfield, as they are the only parties concerned.

For if the fishing is not checked here, in some degree, in both summer and winter the fishermen has to give up their occupation, and the consequence will be that the fishing here will be exterminated.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

I am, I beg to remain your obedient servant.
Hal McAuley.

Norman McAuley.

John Ferguson.

J. M. Ketchum

D. Beaton.

Sir,

20, March 1872.

Upon my recommendation, the Hon^{ble} the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has been pleased to appoint you a fishing Guardian, for the purpose of protecting the fisheries in all waters of Lake Erie, situated in the Inner Bay of Long Point, Big Creek, and the new cut, Big Creek, ("Canal") and the Lake, and Big marsh fisheries, situated in front of ^{and in} the Township of Walsingham, ~~in the~~ County of Norfolk, - west of the new cut. -

Your duties will be to prevent persons fishing dip nets, or other nets or apparatus, in those waters referred to, without a license first had, and obtained from the department of Marine and Fisheries. - To see that close time is strictly observed and prevent spearing except under licenses. - And to see that the Sabbath is not profaned by fishermen exercising their calling on the Lord's day. -

Mr Owen Bowyer will act in concert with you. I have written him on the subject. You will please work harmoniously together, for the protection of the fisheries, and the welfare of the public. - I send you printed notices which you will circulate through the neighbourhood so that all people may be apprised of the fishing laws and regulations, as applied to those waters within the fishing limits. I now give you charge of. - All communication on these subjects you will please address to me as your Superintendent. -

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John O'Keefe
J. O.

Yours faithfully
J. O'Keefe
Fishing Guardian
Pt. Royal,

Sent Copy to Owen Bowser

Lot Spencers "two"	60¢
Owen Bowser, —	3.
Peter Price.	3.
Ed McFarlane. —	3. sent in after
Seve Treacy. —	3.
James McKee.	3.
Marcus A. Hitchcock. —	3. 1/2

Sir,

22, March 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank Cheque No. 469, for Thirteen dollars. — — —

This amount you will please apply as
follows; that is say; for the year 1872. — — —
1. Mr. James Hobbs, spearing fish in Lake St. Clair,
in front of B. Green, and Stony Point
through the ice, under a license, — \$4.00.

2. Benjamin Wendell. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
3. Alex. Pelette,	do.	do.	\$1.00.
4. James Hamilton. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
5. Robert R. West. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
6. Anthony Morrison, —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
7. George Morrison. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
8. Fred W. Wright, —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
9. John Suray. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
10. Israel Kane. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
11. Dominic Wendell. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
12. Arthur Parent. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.
13. Denis Flynn. —	do.	do.	\$1.00.

Total. — \$13.00

Hon: Minister, I Have &c
He. He. He. John W. Kent
J. A.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to find
herewith a post office order for \$14.53 of to
pay you for services rendered last fall in
protecting the Salmon in the Rouge Creek. -
Acknowledge the receipt, you will
have to go to Toronto P. Office to draw
the money. -

Yr truly
John Kerr

Mr H. D. Brandell,
Rouge Creek,
P. Office.

H.A.
Hamilton Onto
22. Mar: 1872

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to
find herewith the sum of \$14.53 of per post
office order. - This amount is granted to you
for protecting the Salmon in Rouge Creek last
fall. - The amount granted to you was \$15,
but I had to pay 50¢ for the order and 17¢
more to get the cheque I received from
Mr Sam McIntosh, whose department of
the Fisheries has now to pay the expense
incurred for this protection. I shall
be down soon, when I will call and
see you. Remember me kindly to Mr
Snow. -

Yr paternally
John Kerr

H.A.

Rev. Snow Esq
Pike
Whitby P. Office

22. March 1872,

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to find herewith the sum of fifty nine dollars $\frac{53}{100}$ of for post office order. — I have had to deduct the price of order 30¢ and for getting the cheque cashed 14¢. These sum added together will make the sixty dollars the amount in full agreed to be given to you last year. —

A new arrangement will have to be entered into for this year, when I come down, as no such sum as sixty dollars will be allowed for looking after the Salmon in Duffin Creek, for one year any more. — Your service if required this year, will be under a new arrangement. —

Yours truly
John W. Kerr

D. Overleaf,

Hamilton, Onto

22. March 1872.

Mr Hartick Esq

He He

Duffin Creek

Pickering P. Office,

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to find herewith the sum of Ten dollars allowed you by the department for looking after the protection of Salmon in the Midland Creek last fall. — Please acknowledge receipt

Yours truly
John W. Kerr

D. Overleaf,

22. March 1872.

Mr Hellmire Esq

J. R. He He He

Midland Creek

Scarborough.

My dear Bill. -

Will you be pleased to find
herewith, the sum of fifteen dollars. -

I heard that quite a number of speckled
trout caught some where in your neighbourhood
have been sold in the Ragsie House at Toronto,
Is it possible that such things happen without
your knowledge, Why don't you catch some
person? - Remember me kindly to Dr Riddell
believe me as ever. -

Yours truly,

John H. Kent,
J. A. Hughes.

Mr W. H. Higgins. -

Alton A. Office,

Township of Caledon. -

Hamilton, Onto.

22 March 1872.

Postages 15¢ -

Sunday. 24 March 1872. -

at Hamilton London, Chatham and Windsor to see
Major Paxton, went out at 2 p.m. came in 9 1/2 p.m.
miles 190. At B - 1.50. Ry fare \$5.80, dinner, tea
and bed \$1. - -

Monday 25 March 1872, & 26th

at Windsor and Sandwich, saw Henry G. C. C.
Major Paxton James Reaume, Alex. Dufre Dan Moleche
Thomas Bondy, Lawrence Bondy, Thomas and James Smith
Mr Elizabeth Ann McCarver, &c. see statements in
Memorandum book, went out 1/2 past 7, a.m. came
in at 3 p.m. - miles about 24. At B. 2.50
breakfast dinner & tea 1. - toll by Telegram 35.
Thence home to Hamilton by Ry Train 190 miles
Ry fare 5.80 - all regular. -

My dear Sir -

Your letter of the 25th instant, is just received, will you be pleased to send me ten (10) dollars, and I will send you a license to fish where you applied for on the point.

Mr Dewitt your neighbour, who has also applied for a license to fish, had better do the same thing and at once.

Don't be scared so much, apply and answer this at once.

Yrs Truly
John W. Kerr
D. A.

28 March 1872

Wolfe: Mr. Gibson
Round Bay
Morpett P. Office

paid postage of, sent in
april 27

Sir,

28 March 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith fourteen pages of matters the parts of my examination of the fisheries between Pt. Barre and Goderich. The examination of to-day, now sent to minutes at Bayfield; but on tomorrow you shall have from Bayfield to Goderich which will finish up this section of my examination and a perusal now will enable you to see the facts upon which my report hereafter is founded.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
D. A.

Non Minutes
He He
P. M. Kerr

Sir, 30. March 1872,
I have the honor to send you herewith
with fourteen pages more to be added to those
I sent you on yesterday, and which will com-
plete my examination of the Fisheries on Lake
Huron between "Barra" & "Edward" and "Friedrich".

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
T.O.
Hon. Ministers &c. &c
&c. Ottawa

Sir, 30. March 1872.
I have the honor to send you herewith
thirteen pages more, the balance of my inquiries made
and continued by your letter of instruction to me
of the 29th of February last received by me at
Ottawa on the 5th of March instant, a copy of this
letter, you will please find on page 29.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
T.O.
Hon. Ministers,
&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa. —

Sir, 2. April 1872,
I have the honor to send you herewith
fourteen pages of my examination of the Fisheries
from Road Lake, up the Lake Erie, will endeavor
to prepare the balance to-day and then to
send you on tomorrow.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
T.O.
The Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa

Sir,

2^d April 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith six pages, the balance of my examination amongst the pond net fishermen &c. of Lake Erie. - They finish up Lake Erie, &c. pleased to add these six pages to the fourteen I have already sent you to-day. -

I Have &c,
Isabel A. Kerr
T. O.

Hon: Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa. -

Sir,

Hamilton, 3. April 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith ^{8 pages} the fruits of my examination on Lake St. Clair, the River Thames below Chatham, and the St. Clair River, below Port Sarnia. -

I have yet to make out my rough copy of those ponds for penning in the White fish in the Detroit River, I am obliged to take the whole day at this, being determined to do, what I consider, just right and proper in the premises. -

I Have &c
Isabel A. Kerr
T. O.

Hon: Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa,

Sent to Sir P. G. G. G.

Isabel A. Kerr

T. O.

Isabel A. Kerr

T. O.

Isabel A. Kerr

T. O.

Portage to
sent up
april 27

Sir,

8 April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith the final and last fourteen, and a half pages of my examination of the fisheries in the Detroit River, the ponds &c. — made by me according to your letter of instruction, bearing date the 17th, 19, and 29th of February last. —

I shall send you my report on the whole in a few days, as fast as I can prepare it, I have &c.

Hon: Minister,
 & & &

Ottawa

John W. Kerr

S. O.

Postage 18¢
 sent in
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Postage to & from
 18¢

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter, if Peter Price, does wrong, he will have to bear the consequences. He has no power to rent fisheries. His duty is to protect and preserve them, and at this he makes a poor show. —

About those people you refer to, let them for one dollar, fish a dip net, and for one dollar let a man spear. — As to the order in Council it is imperative. — The people of St. Williams don't like Peter, because he has connected himself with the Long Pt. Company, with this I have nothing to do, my duty and yours are plain. —

You carry out the law, when the petition comes to me, I will answer it, a charge will be made in close time for certain fish soon, and then we shall have to be more particular. — "The first duty of a loyal man is to obey the laws of his Country." — The order in Council I received from the department, obey it, and see that it is obeyed. —

8 April 1872,
 Hamilton Onto

Yrs Respectfully

John W. Kerr

S. O.

Wm. J. Spence

and

Owen Brown

Port Royal

My dear Sir,

Your letter received, you may allow those people to catch suckers, and mullets on the same terms of last year, and as it will be so much to the advantage of those persons who engage in it, you might get them to join a bee, and pull down ~~the~~ old mill dam, no longer required there.

This will give you an opportunity of letting out the small ^{salmon} fry of last season, and of enabling a large supply of parent fish to get up on better spawning grounds next October. - I send you 3 copies of

the order in Council regarding fishing. - You may also allow those people to catch suckers, in the Rouge upon your getting a dollar each from any person who may desire to enjoy the privilege. -

Believe me, Yours Truly,

John W. Bates

"Fishing" Officer.

Hamilton, Ontario,

9th April 1872. -

William H. H. H. H. H.

J. H. H. H. H. H.

The Island Creek,

Township of Scarborough. -

* Wednesday 10th April 1872. -

at M. beach, and gave Benjamin Longe his license to fish in Bay until 10th of June, and Lake Ontario, until the 31st of December next, the license fee to be \$12, went out at 9. A. M. came in at 6. P. M. - mile 26. H. & buggy. - charge 2.50. Horse feed, and dinner for two included. - - -

* Sunday, the 14th April 1872.

at Sands Inlet, found a small piece of net set there went out at 11. A. M. came in at 2. P. M. - mile about 10. H. & buggy, charge about 2.00. -

Took the net home. George Chin's and his brother were there, and their father came down after a little, no doubt the net was theirs but they denied it. - - -

Sir,

13. April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank Cheque No. 499. for thirty dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this
amount as follows: —

1. Mr David Ditch, of Burlington beach licenses
for fishing there, for the years 1871. and 1872. — $\times 17.00.$
2. Mr John Broadfoot, license to fish at
Whitby Harbour Lake Ontario for year 1872 $\times 5.00,$
3. Mr Sam. Jones, fishing license for pike nets
in B. bay, for year 1872. — — — $\times 2.00.$
4. Mr Jas. Hall, spearing, in B. bay for the
Winter of 1871 & 1872, last. — $\times 1.00,$
5. Mr N. W. Abbott, license to fish a seine in
the Niagara River for year 1872. at
Port Erie — — — $\times 5.00$

Total. $\$ 30.00$

Hon. Minister

O. C. V. C.

Ottawa,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Friday, 19. April 1872.

at Toronto, Frenchmans bay, and Port Union, rented
four pike nets, owned by Billy Lang, made him
pay \$2. for the privilege of fishing them again and
then returned them with the fish I sent out at 8.
a.m. came in 4. a.m. — Miles about 80. — — —
By fare 1.30, 54¢ Buggies 4. — Supper for three 75.
had 25¢. gave back the fish to Billy Lang, re-
ceived off 4 cent. balance of last year from John
fisher. — —

Sir,

16 April 1872.

I have the honor to submit to you the copy of an application made for the fishing of Lake Huron, occupying about 24 miles square.

In submitting to you this application, I desire to see how anxious I am to come down to Ottawa and talk over with Mr. Whitehead & yourself matters connected with all the fisheries I have been so recently writing to you about. — Please don't license any of these fisheries until I come, and permit me to come down. —

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

T. O.

Hon. Minister
Ottawa.

Sir,

18 April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith cheque No. 500, — for thirty dollars — Will you apply it as follows, and oblige me by so doing. —

1. Mr Geo W. Gibson, in Lake Erie in front of lots No 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, Round Bay, or point aux pieux. — for the year 1872. — for seine hauling. ~~for 1872.~~ — 10.00.
2. Mr Dan McGeorge, license of fishing at B. beach. for 1872 — 20.00

#4 still to be sent
for Dan McGeorge 2 3

\$30.00.

Hon. Minister &c. &c I have &c

Ottawa.

John W. Kerr

T. O.

Geo W. Gibson lots 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, point aux pieux
Round Bay —

paid postage 1/4. —

Sd.

13. April 1872.

I am in receipt of your Memorandum with reference to the application of St. L. Stewart for license to fish a pound net, in Lake Erie, in front of his own property being lot 12. Eastern Division of Gosfield, Co. of Essex, held over by you pending my report. -

My advice to you is brief on this subject instead of \$20. charge him \$30, for the season. - If those ten pound nets frozen up in the ice last winter are lost, I am satisfied some of the owners will not renew them. - - -

There can be no doubt but the man has already on hand, the pound net, when he made the application, and would now view the thing as a hardship if you refused to grant him a license. What Mr Stewart I presume means in his letter of the 12 March, by the ~~pile poles, that he has~~ by having to get out stakes and poles and many other things is the pile poles that he has, to have driven in the Lake, for the pot, and hearts, tunnel &c. &c. of the net. -

The present number of pound nets is not excessive or I should recommend to you not to grant the present license at all. - - -

You will please observe that in my report of the 16th instant sent to you, I referred to Mr Stewart's pound net, in front of "Ruthven's, a smart village" - It is four miles from Kingsville where the Loop Bros. have two pound nets, and on the east there is none nearer than Sturgeon Creek, Pigeon Bay, -

When special rules and regulations are laid down for the fishing of pound nets, everything will I hope go on pleasantly. - - -

I hope I shall be permitted by you to make myself more familiar, with those self saving labour machines for catching fish. -

Yours sincerely,
A. C. G. G.
C. M. W.

I Have &c
John W. Lewis
J. O.

Sir,

13. April 1872.

I have the honor to receive the letter of Mr. J. McKee, Quinlan, of Fisheries at Wallaseburg, for my report, and recommendation. —

It gives me much pleasure now to refer you to my report to you of the 11th instant, in which I strongly recommended a close time for hals, and maskinogs be specially fixed by you in the waters of Lake St. Clair, say, from 10th of May, to the 20th of June, following, and I added

It will be a great protection to those valuable fish in this region. —

With reference to close season for pickeral in Thames River, where fishing is good and carried on early in the season, with success, I have in the same report fully given my views thereon, and I still adhere to them. — I consider it not necessary to have any close time season, beyond what is contained in Sub Section 14. of Section 13, of the Fisheries Act, and this should be rigidly enforced, at all times on the River Thames &c, &c, and to this I add. — "There is so large a space in the Thames for pickeral to spawn in, and enjoy themselves, as compared to the small space where fishing is actually and actively carried on, and this fishing being ^{only} carried on for a limited time, I hope you will deem my recommendation expedient. —

I believe Mr. McKee labours under a misapprehension, as to any thing I may have said to the fishermen on the Thames. — I am however aware of the Order in Council of the 30th of June 1869, restricting the application of Sub Sec. 14. of Section 13. of the Fisheries Act, and hence my reason for having it applied as above. —

Hon. Minister G. G. G. I Have &c,
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr

J. W. K.

Sat. 18. April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith my diary for the quarter ending 31st day of March last. -

It is all principally on special duty as per your instruction to me of the 17th and 29th of February 1872. - And my diary for disbursement for the quarter ending 31st of March 1872, Amount in full to the sum of \$ 155.11.

1. Wm. Buthbert. Duffin Creek. -	"	2.00.
2. John W. Kerr, D. A. Hamilton. -	"	3.00.
3. John W. Kerr. - do. -	"	5.00.
4. Duncan Stewart Esq. Hamilton. -	"	5.00.
5. J. R. Ritchie, N. M. Hamilton. -	"	1.60.
6. John W. Kerr. - D. A. Hamilton. -	"	4.95
	\$	176.96.4
		201.

I have &c

Hon. Minister,

&c. &c. &c.

- Ottawa. -

John W. Kerr
D. A.

Saturday, 20. April 1872. - -

At Pt. Union, thence to Toronto, went out at 9 a.m. Came in 6 p.m. - Miles 30. in Ashbridge's Bay seized Edward Afted's pike nets. fishing without a license. we bought the nets to the traps and reeled them up. - Boat and men 3. By fare 50. Board and bed off 1. - - -

Sunday, 21. April 1872. -

At Toronto Island, and the Stumbers, went out at 9 a.m. Came in 3 p.m. Miles about 20. Boat 3. - found six persons out spearing, took two spears, heard several shots fired. found Wm. Jackson with a spear, on ice, a Cutfish fresh blood in boat, muskrat scent, paid for refreshments for men 50¢ and saw persons firing after we got back to the Island.

Sir,

18th April 1872

I have the honor to send you herewith my diary, and petty expenses for the quarter ending 31st day of March last. —

The expenses were principally incurred on special duty, under instructions to me of the 17th and 29th of February, and amounts in full to the sum

\$155. 11 4

1. Wm. Guthrie, Duffin's Creek. —	2.00.
2. John W. Kerr, G.O. Hamilton. —	3.00.
3. John W. Kerr, — do. —	5.00.
4. Duncan Stewart & Co. — do. —	5.30.
5. J. & B. Ritchie, P.M. Hamilton. —	1.60.
6. John W. Kerr, G.O. Hamilton. —	4.95.
7. do. do. —	10.00.
8. Myles O'Reilly, Barrister, Hamilton. —	15.00.
Total. \$ 201.96.	

Hon. Minister

do. do. do.
Ottawa. —

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
G.O.

Monday 22. April 1872.

At Toronto, and home for 12 hours his license for
pike fishing. — Got 15, from John Morley, 12 more from
James & Riley Montgomery. — Took license for John Duncan
with (Miss) Doyle, went out at 8. a. m. came in at
5. p. m. — mile 46. Boat 50 & Breakfast & dinner 50.
Railway fare 1.30. —

2.50 3.50 3.95

2.50 5.25 9.84

2.50 5.65 3.55

2.00 11.60 2.05

2.00 6.85 2.00

2.50 1.00 8.30

7.10 5.75 8.40

4.20 5.75 8.30

3.10 4.50 9.36.

6.50 3.91 2¹/₂ 155.11 4

3.10, 7.50,

Sir,

23, April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith the Montreal Bank cheque No: 513, for thirty five dollars. --

The amount you will be pleased to apply as follows;

1. Mr. John Fisher, of Frenchmans bay, balance of license for year 1871. Lake Ontario - \$4.00x
 2. Mr. Wm. Stacey, Ashbridges bay. - do. - license to fish pike gill nets for 1872, \$ 4.00.
 3. Mr. John Morley, license to fish Salmon & and W. f. gill nets for 1872. - in Lake Ontario, at Scarborough. - - \$ 15.00
 4. Messrs. John Russell, and Wm. Montgomery, license to fish pike gill nets in Ashbridges bay. Lake Ontario. - for 1872. .. 12.00
- Total, \$ 35.00

Hon: Minister,
 &c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
 John W. Kerr
 T.O.

Sir,

23, April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith a letter, I received from Mr. Neil McAuley, whom I beg to recommend to your consideration. -

Hon: Minister &c. &c. &c. I Have &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
 T.O.

Wednesday, 24. April 1872,
 at Jordan, Dick Gilbert, paid me eight dollars, because
 Peter B. Sarnos (#2) went out at 8, a.m. came in
 at 10. p.m. - miles about 50. - By fare \$1.00.
 14 & buggy 2.50, dinner, tea & bed 75. - at Niagara

Thursday, 25th. April 1872,
 at Niagara, thence to Four mile pond. - thence to
 P. B. Halburd's, and Jordan, thence to 15. and 16 mile
 ponds. found four nets set there, went out at 8,
 a.m. came in at 3, a.m. - miles 46, boat & men #6. -
 14 & Buggy & man \$4. B.-d. - supper & bed of 1. -
 See Reports, dated 27th instant. -

Friday, 26th. April 1872.
 at Jordan took Alson Miles complaint of $\frac{1}{2}$ John and
 Joseph Mearns & others for fishing without a license, went
 out at 7.40, a.m. home at 12, noon - miles 30. By fare
 75¢, breakfast & dinner 50. -

Sir,

27. April 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank
 Cheque No: 520. for the sum of \$20. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount
 as follows; for the year 1872. "Licenses".

1. Mr Peter B. Sarnos, the four mile pond at the Four mile Creek, in the Township of Niagara. -	\$ 2.00.
2. Mr Rich ^d Gilbert, the twenty mile Creek, in the township of South. -	8.00.
3. Mr J. Johnson, Long Pt ^h Seine hauling ground. -	10.00
	Total \$20.00

I Have &c

Hon: Minutes
 &c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

John W. Kent
 T.O.

Sent all up to this on the
 27th of May 1872. amount 142.

John W. Kent

T.O.

Sir,

27. April 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Sunday the 21st instant, I found six persons in the Humber marshes spearing, they all cleared, except one, who gave his name as Wm Jacqueson of the City of Toronto. - I captured two spears, they were fishing with; when I proceeded upon them. - They carried the fish away, Jacqueson had an el. -

I heard several shots fired, but did not come across the person who fired them.

I Have &c.

Hon^{ble} Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
S.O.

Sir,

27. April 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday the 20th instant in Toronto bay, I seized your pike gill net the property of Edward Afted of Toronto, fished there without a license. -

I restored the same to him on his conforming with the law. -

I Have &c.

Hon^{ble} Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa

John W. Kerr
S.O.

Sir,

27. April 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday night the 19th instant, at Island Creek township of Scarborough, I seized four pike gill nets fished there by Mr. Lang, a fisherman without a license. - I restored the nets, and the fish I found in them on his conforming with the law. -

Hon: Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa.

I Have &c.
 John W. Lang
 J. O.

Sir,

27. April 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Wednesday last John Meisner, and Joseph Meisner with four others in the township of South did haul a seine in the twenty mile pond, and did catch about 300 lbs weight of hals, pike and sun fish. - Complaint was laid against them by Alson Miles of Bridgport, township of South, who in company with Alfred Gaskin, caught them in the act. -

On being remonstrated with by those two men who read for them the order in Council dated 23rd Aug 5, 1870. - The reply John Meisner, made was that and the fishing department might go to hell, he had a license to fish from the Hon: Mr Benson of St. Catherine. -

Before taking proceedings, I consider it prudent to report to you for instructions.

Hon: Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
 Ottawa.

I Have &c.
 John W. Lang
 J. O.

Sir,

27, April 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Thursday night last, I saw your net, I found set in the Milton and Sixteen mile creek, three gill nets, and one trap net, set there by unauthorised persons. --

I hope shortly to give out who the parties are, when I shall submit their names for your information. --

I found some speckled haps in the nets, which adds to the enormity of the crime, it being close time.

I have &c

John W. Rose

S. A.

Hon. Ministers

&c. &c. &c.

Yours faithfully

F.

Sunday 28, April 1872,

at Waterdown, to make enquiry relative to a rumour set afloat by John Greene, that several hundred speckled trout were caught by Sam. Anderson, Sam. Gordon Frank Rose & several others with a net. -- ascertained that it was a false report, saw Messrs Anderson and Gordon -- there were some suckers caught, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 1. p. m. -- Miles 18. 144 B. 2.50

Sir.

3rd May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque
No: 6, for Seventy four dollars! - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as
follows:

1. G. J. Burdett, fishing a Dip net in the Otter Creek, at
Vienna, for year 1872. \$ 1.00.
 2. Isaac Foster & Co; license to fish a seine west of the
Cut, Long point, year 1872. - - \$ 6.00.
 3. Israel B. Dick, also, do, do, do, - 5.00.
 4. Lot Spencer, do, do, do, - 5.00.
 5. Wm. Fowler, license to fish a gill net in Long
point bay, year 1872. \$ 1.00.
 6. Charles Phillips, do, do, do, - 1.00.
 7. Wm. Snooks, license to fish two seines on
Turkey point, for year 1872. - \$ 30.00.
 8. James Heath, license to fish a seine at Hos-
mandale, for year 1872. - - \$ 10.00.
 9. John Jackson, license to fish a seine on
Station No: 2, Turkey pt for 1872. - \$ 10.00.
 10. David Jackson & Mrs. Harris, license to fish
at Deep hole point for the year 1872. - 5.00
- Total. - \$44.00

As you will perceive, except the first mentioned
place all the rest of the fishing stations are situated
in Lake Erie. -

I Have &c.

Hon: Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa,

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Monday, 29, April 1872,
 at Sagersole, Silsborough, Vienna, and Pt Russell,
 gave license to Bill Elliott & Co. - went out at 8, a.m.
 came in at 11, p.m. - Mile about 96, By fare ⁴ 1.85
 dinner tea and bed 90, Stage fare \$1.75 144 00 1.50

Tuesday, 30, April 1872
 at Pt Russell, Pt Royal, Port Roman, and
 Turkey Pt issued license as per report of the 3rd
 of May, took a complaint from Robert Jackson
 and George Helmer, William Helmer, Alonzo Helmer
 and Charles Smith, for catching pickrail in close
 season, went out at 5, a.m. got in at 5, p.m.
 mile 40, Stage \$1, breakfast, dinner, bed and
 supper \$1. - gave Nat. Woodward \$4. - and
 Peter Price \$1.50. for John Hunter. - Mr. Legg
 from Pt Roman to Turkey Pt 2.00. -

Wednesday, 1, May 1872,
 at Turkey Pt, Victoria Dove; and Hagersville
 went out at 11, a.m. came in at 9, p.m. -
 miles about 30. - 144 00 - 2.00 - do to Hagersville
 \$1. - breakfast dinner, supper & bed \$1. -
 gave Mr. Craig \$2, & owed her. - - -

Thursday 2, May 1872,
 at Hagersville & Hamilton, went out at
 7, a.m. got home at 3, p.m. - Clear,
 \$1.50, breakfast & dinner 50 c, - mile

Friday, 3, May 1872, -
 at London, to see Henry Jones, went out at 8, a.m.
 came in at 10, p.m. - mile 160, 144 00, 1.50 By fare ⁴ 4.80
 dinner and tea \$1. -

Sir,

4 May 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 30th day of April last, at Turkey Pt. County of Norfolk Robert Jackson, a fisherman at Turkey Pt. ^{made complaint that John Helms of 33rd St} had in his possession at Turkey Pt. at the hour of 1 o'clock, a.m., on the 19th of April, a quantity of hals and pickered, the same being caught at Long Pt. by George Helms, William Helms, George Helms, and Charles Smith of Turkey Point, in close season, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

I gave Mr Peter Price Guardian, a written order to take the seine and ropes used in catching those fish in close time into his Custody to be further dealt with according to law. — Now when those men come to be tried for this offence, I understand their defence will be, they had the sanction of the Long Pt. Company to fish there, from my impression is, that the Long Pt. Company have no power under their license, from the department of fishing to sublet, and those men not being servants of the Long Pt. Company, should not be allowed by that Company to commit those innovations. —

Under the order in Council, dated 23rd April 1870, those people could not fish without a license. — I wrote you on the 24th of April 1871, on the course the Long Pt. Co. thought fit then to pursue, and I now beg most respectfully to draw your attention to that letter. —

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

O Mauna.

Sir,

4. May 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on this day, at the City of London, Ontario, Mr. E. - Henry, residing at Middle Station of the Gt. Trunk Railway, had nine barrels of fish chiefly pickered caught at Pt. York, mouth of the Lake Huron.

The greater part of these fish were caught by a fisherman named John Wilson resident at Pt. York. —

Henry informed me that all the unlicensed Seine net haulers, who perpetrated so much destruction on the small white fish last season there, are now getting ready to fish again. —

I recently gave you full particulars in a special report I made of the fisherman and locality. —

I Have &c.

John Wilson
S.O.Hon. Minister
&c. &c. &c.

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Monday 6. May 1872.

On Mr. Day, searching for bluegill nets (2) stolen by as is supposed John Hayes, and Prince Desper, went out at 6. a. m. came in at 8. p. m. — miles about 20. Boat, man \$1. Self \$1. —

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Wednesday, 8. May 1872. —

On Mr. Day searching for gages stolen nets also on the beach. — found no net. went out at 6. a. m. came in at 8. p. m. W. & L. buggy 1.50. dinner 50. man \$1. — miles about 30. —

Mr. Sherbrooke paid license \$5. —

Romney, May 3, 1872.

Sir, In applying for a license to fish at Romney two Creeks, I am informed, that you are appointed Overseeer, I would like to get a license to fish a Double headed pound at Lot 5, Broken port, Romney. -

I have been fishing here for five years, till last season. - Lamarch fished here last season and I bought him out if it so please send what the license will be and I will forward it on. -

Yours respectfully,

Wm. McGowan,

Romney, Onto.

Wheatley, P. O. -

So,

Mr J. W. Kent,
Fishing Overseeer,
Hamilton. -

Sir,

8, May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith an application I received this day from Mr Wm McGowan, of Two Creeks, Wheatley Post Office, for permission to fish a double headed pound net, in Lake Erie, in front of lot 5, B. port, township of Romney. -

I made a report special, a short time ago, to which I beg to refer you, and by which you will learn that Mr McGowan only takes the place of Mr Joshua Lamarch, at Two Creeks.

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister

&c. &c. &c.

Obawa. -

Joshua Kent

P. O.

Sir,

10. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank
cheque No. 20, for the sum of sixty five dollars.

This amount you will please apply as follows:

- 1 The Long Point fishing, leased to the Long Pt
Company, for this current year of 1872, - \$60.00
- 2, Mr Wm. Cowan of Pickering, fishing at the
Rouge in Lake Ontario, for current year of
1872, - - - 5.00

Total \$65.00

Hon: Minister
Ottawa.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Sir,

10. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith the
application of Messrs J. Simpkins and Shipper, for a License to
fish a pound net in Lake Erie, in part of the township
of Howard, ^{near lot 9899} - This will be in the District of Mr John
McMichael of the Bond Law, recently appointed overseer
for the Lake Erie portage of the County of Kent.

I don't consider \$30, too much to charge for this
pound net for this current year. - This is the same
fished last season by George Steiger and Shipper
please refer to my report of the 20th of October last.

I Have the Honor &c,

Hon: Minister of
Marine &c &c.
Ottawa.

&c, John W. Kerr
D.O.

Sat: 11. May 1872,

On B. Bay, searching for net, found a
small piece of one in Jones inlet, went out
at 7. A. M. came in at 3. P. M. miles 20.
Net 1.50, Boat & man \$1. applied 50. -

Sir,

11. May 1872,

I have the honor to recommend for your consideration that Seine hauling for white fish, be permitted, and continued on this season in my district after the 28th of May. -

I make this application on the urgent request of the Seine hauling fishermen who pursue no other mode of catching white fish.

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
 J. W. Kerr

C. S. The volunteers will require white fish at Niagara next month,
 J. W. Kerr.

Sir,

11. May 1872,

I have the honor to submit for your decision an application I received from Mr William Cowan of Pt Union, for permission to fish a three inch mesh (Seine) Centre, instead of a four inch Centre in Lake Ontario, at the Rouge. -

I have much pleasure in recommending that you will be pleased to grant to Mr W^m Cowan the indulgence he seeks, and ask for.

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Minister
 &c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Kerr
 J. W.

Mon. 13. May 1872.

at St. Catharines, Port Colborne and Dunnville, received 22, from John Logan, & Marcella Jean; for the fisheries at that place, and Baldwins, also got a hoop net for Whitefish from Henry Rolf worth \$7, and \$10. in money. For last season, Marcella the little Custom House officer was drunk, and abused and threatened to report me, because I would not countenance his application to rent to him the fisheries at Dunnville. Grand River, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 7. p. m. miles 81, 64 & B. 1.25. By 1-70 and 60. dinner, tea & bed 75¢

Sir,

11. May 1872.

I have the honor to send you a letter I recently received from Chatham in behalf of Mr. John Snook, a fisherman on Lake St. Clair. As this man is out of my district, I have not the power to alleviate the grievance he complains of. I consider \$10. a year sufficient for all the fishing rights he enjoys. —

As regards Mr. J. M. Williams' remarks, I know nothing about them. —

I have not answered the letter. I leave the matter in the hands of the Department.

I Have &c.

John W. Ross
J. O.

Hon. Minister

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

Sir,

11. May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith, two letters, and a document I received from Mr. E. B. Paxton of Windsor, who is engaged in the Fighting Island Fisheries, Detroit River. —

His opinion about the ponds, may invite your perusal. — As he is jointly with his father a pond fisherman.

I Have &c.

John W. Ross
J. O.

Hon. Minister

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

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Tuesday, 14. May 1872.

at Dunville, Mr. Colborne, St. Catherine and home called to see Mr. Miller, but he was gone his office. Mile about \$4, B. 25 dinner 25, tea 50, Ry fare 2.30. —

Sir,

11. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith a letter I received this day, from Mr John Seward of Wilsonburgh, desiring to have fishways placed in the mill channel, situated on the Otter Creek.

This letter is submitted for your consideration. —

I Have &c

John W. Seward
S. A.Hon. Minister,
V. V. V.Wm. Seward

Sir,

11. May 1872,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 7th instant, and in reply I beg most respectfully to send you herewith copies of the licenses issued by me on the 29th and 30th of April last, as per Bank Certificate sent you on the 3rd instant. — This shows a healthy state of things, notwithstanding the tantalizing of position I have continually met with from the M. P. and partisan supporters.

I shall send you all the back copies of licenses issued by me since 1st of January last up to this date, and for the future a copy of the license will accompany the Bank Certificate.

I Have &c

John W. Seward
S. A.Hon. Minister,
V. V. V.
Wm. Seward

My dear Peter,

I received a telegram from you the other day, stating that Helmes, had replenished the seine. - Send me all particulars, state on what grounds he replenished, who went his bail and send me a copy of his Bond &c, - What Solicitor acted for him. -

If Helmes has gone back to Long Pt. to fish again you must stop him at once, He is a defaulter on the main land, and so cannot be permitted on Long Point. - You had better see Col. Lindsay at once, and tell him all I have said and written you on this subject respecting this man, and this gang of fishermen. -

I told John D. Mackenzie the Secretary of the Long Pt. Company, about Helmes, he seemed to know all about him, before I done so. -

Look at Sub Sec: 3, of Sec: 9, of the Fisheries Act, and see how it is observed on Long Pt. - No more fooling, if people are invited to fish on Long Pt. they must observe the law. Why did you allow the seine to be replenished, you are too slow for those Helmes &c. - Write me particulars again. - If he fishes on Long Pt. again, seize the seine again and send it to me. -

Yours truly,
Peter Price,
St. William,

Yrs &c, John D. Mackenzie
J. D.
Hamilton, Ont.

13 May 1872.

Wm.

15. May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank
cheque No. 27, for the sum of Thirty dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as
follows:

1. Help^{rs} Marcone Green, and John Logan &c, of Dunnville,
as license for the current year of 1872. See copy of
the same herewith. - \$22.00 45
2. Henry Rofs, of Port Maitland on acct of
license in the Grand River, and Lake Erie,
at Port Maitland, for the past year of 1871. -
Will send copy of license in a few days
with the balance.

8.00
Total. - \$ 30.00 45

Wm. Mitchell

W. W. W. I have &c.

Wm.

John Rofs,
W. W.

W.

Thursday, 16. May 1872.

at St. Catharines and Niagara, issued a license to
James A. Miller Rept. Marriotes, St. Catharines, for the
15, 16, and 18 mile ponds and Creek, also in Lake On-
tario, in part of the same outside of the half and
perch heads, received off 15. for the same, got off 10.
from Abram Goble, at four mile fishing, thence
to Niagara went out at 8. a.m. came in 10 1/2 p.m.
miles about 50. By fare off 1. dined tea and had
75, 14 & 10. - \$2.50. - Charles Bolton, complained of
John Stand, Alfred & Charles Ball for setting gill nets on their
ground. - Friday, the 17th May 1872.

at Niagara, twice at the four and two mile
Creeks, examined Bolton and Jim Cantrell's Centes
of Series, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 8.
p.m. miles about 20. Walked, breakfast, din-
ner tea & had off 1.00. went second time up, because
John Stand complained. - Jack Bolton paid me
off 20, ten for current, and ten for past year
gave him license Rept. Copy to send to the
Department. - - - - -

7. Saturday 18. May 1872. -

at the two and four mile Creek, thence by
West to $\frac{5}{2}$ bathers, and home by the G. W. Ry. -
bought some fish from Johnny Hand, got a dozen of
white fish from big Jim, went out at 8, a. m. got
home about 5. p. m. miles about 50. 144 was
you #2, Ry fare #1. - breakfast and dinner 50. -
see my reports of 20. May, following. ---

Sir,

20. May 1872.

I had the honor to report to you on
the 4th day of May instant, that George and
Wm. Helms, of Turkey Point, had violated the fishing
Act on the 18. and 19th of April last, at Long Pt
Lake, in the County of Norfolk, and that I
empowered and instructed Mr Peter Price, the
Guardian there to seize the seine, with which
they violated the Act, The seizure was made
in due time. ---

The seine net was replenished on the
6th instant, Mr Price, having his horse broken
open during his absence for the purpose, from
which the net and rope, were taken. ---
I was informed of the occurrence, when I
instructed Peter to go and seize the seine
again. - This he has ^{again} done, and brought it to
me, I have it now in my possession: Helms
had resumed fishing again, without a
license from the fishing department or any
other Authority. ---

By reference to (2) of my letter dated 4th
of May last year (1871) you will please find
George Helms, at present alluded to here, fined
twice, for violating the fishing Act, during close
season when his seine was confiscated, but it
was lent back again to him with special ap-
proval. -

I had a letter from Col. Linsdale on this matter waiting my return home on Saturday evening, who has already appeared for the Peter Price, and I want your sanction to employ the Colonel to defend the case provided Helmer goes further with his suit. -

Hon: the Ministry I Have &c.
 &c. &c. &c. John W. Kent
 Ottawa. - T. A.

Sir,

20. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Cheque No: 33, for the sum of forty five dollars. - This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows: for this current year of 1872, and the past year of 1871. -

1. To John Bolton, licensed fisherman at the Two, and Four mile Creek, in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara, for the year 1872, "Copy herewith", \$10.00
 2. do, do, for 1871. do, paid now, - 10.00.
 3. James A. Miller, Marquette, St. Catharines, licensed for the 15, 16, and 18 mile ponds, and a portion of Lake Ontario, in part of the ponds, for this current year of 1872 - Copy 15.00.
 4. Mr. John H. Noble, licensed fisherman at the Four mile Creek, for year of 1872. 10.00
- Total \$45.00

The Hon the Ministry, I Have &c.
 &c. &c. &c. John W. Kent
 Ottawa. - T. A.

A Sent Copy of Noble on the
 27. May 1872.
 John W. Kent
 T. A.

Sir,

20. May 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information, that I returned here from Niagara fisheries on Saturday evening last, and beg most respectfully to state for your information, that new regulations will have to be made by you to meet the present emergency. . . .

Last year as you may remember the seine hauling at Niagara was very slim. - This year it is very good, with a very good catch of large herrings, which is a very great advantage in a money point, to the fishermen, hauling on the good seine grounds there. -

The ice coming down the river prevents the seine going up, hence the reason why, herring are so very plentiful now at the Two, and Four mile fisheries. . . .

The ice too has driven the wh. fish off the usual gill net ground in American waters, hence, why they have come into the waters of Ontario, where they were followed by the gill net fishermen. . . . These waters are occupied as seine hauling grounds, and the fishermen who haul there object, and complained to me of those gill net fishermen, for fishing within their licensed limits via Section 13, of the fisheries Act, but while doing so, only desired it as a caution, and to prevent them repeating the offense. . . . On my communicating this charge to the offenders one of them (John Stand) instantly complained of two seine hauling fishermen, for fishing a three inch mesh seine Centre, instead of a four inch mesh seine Centre, which I found was the case. - However, in looking into the matter, I am persuaded that in this instance it will be anything against the interests of the Act, for you to allow the fishermen of Niagara, so close to the border to fish a three inch Centre, as the white fish caught

as as fine a class of fish, as I ever observed, and the herring average nearly one pound each. -
 "Pending your decision, I ordered the Centre to be taken out". -

Niagara being so near to the United States, where everything is carried on in the way of fishing, just as people think fit, I think it incumbent on me to ask you to make this change in the size of the seine meshes. - But as to fishing white fish gill nets on a seine hauling ground, or within two miles of it, is a thing I cannot countenance, so long at least, as the season for hauling lasts. -

I would even go further, and recommend to you, if it can be done, that no white fish gill net fishing be at any time allowed at Niagara, until the seine hauling terminates. - - -

But a difficulty arises here, the gill net fishermen, go beyond my jurisdiction into American waters, and set where all the white fish not caught, are headed off from the seine hauling ground. - - -

Of course you are already aware that the white fish frequent Lake Ontario, at the mouth of the Niagara River, at this season of the year, and in the fall every year, to feed on the small shrimp shaped insects their favorite food, with which those waters now, and then abound in such profusion. -

The fishermen at Niagara have had hard and severe times during the past season which induces me to bring those cases under your immediate notice first, instead of resorting to severe measures. - - -

I think the coldness of the weather, with ice coming down from Lake Erie will prolong the seine hauling, far into the month of June this year, provided you are pleased to allow it being continued on after the 30th day of May. - See Section 9, of the Fisheries Act.

Hon Minister,
 Yr. Yr. Yr.

I Have &c. I shall be
 Yr. S.

Sir,

20. May 1872.

I am requested by James A. Miller Esq^r Barrister, of St^r Leatherserie, who has just licensed the 15, 16, and 18 mile ponds &c, for fishing purposes to apply to you for a nine years lease of the same, which I strongly recommend that you will be pleased to grant. —

This is the object Mr Thomas G. Street M. P. had in view in applying to you in behalf of the "Peninsula Game Club" of St^r Leatherserie. —

Mr Miller showed me your letter to Mr Street, the fishing Act, the rules and regulations you gave him. —

I had previously heard on Monday last, thro' Mr W. J. Briggs ("an old friend") Superintendent of the Welland Canal, what Mr Miller wanted, — and was likewise able to accommodate him as only one other person had applied, but to whom I would not license. —

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. W.

Yours Minister
&c. &c. &c.
— Ottawa. —

Sir,

20. May 1872.

I have the honor to report, that I received a telegram today, herewith annexed, from Mr David Segree of Mitchell Bay Lake St Blair, Chatham Post office, a fisherman, stating as you will observe that Mr McLea the Officer I presume, had stopped him from fishing on the 14, of May, and asking me if it is all right for him to do so. - "Of course it is out of my power to answer the telegram" - for I have not yet an opportunity of knowing whether the close time I recommended to you to be set apart for hals and maskinonge in Lake St Blair, had been favorably received by you, officially or received at all, and promulgated by the department to that region or not. -

It will be an advantage to this and the other fishermen at Mitchell Bay, if the department will be pleased to answer his telegram, "and recognise him by this act", which I would have felt much pleasure in doing, if within my power. -

You will please find Mr David Segree's name in my detailed statement of the fisheries and fishermen of Lake St Blair dated 3rd April last, and forwarded to you on the same day. -

On the 11th instant, I took the liberty of forwarding to you a letter from Mr Jasper Brook, another fisherman of the same locality.

I have &c

Hon. Minister
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John W. Kent
 &c. &c.

21, May 1872,

21, May 1872,

I have the ~~honour~~ to receive your letter, of the 16th instant, advising me of the receipt of a letter I had written to the department on the 24th of April 1871 - regarding what I then considered certain innovations introduced by the Solicitor of the Long Pt Company. David Sisdale, under the fishing license they enjoy from the department of Marine and Fisheries. of course I wanted a recognition of this letter so as to ascertain the mind of the department on this subject I had laid before you. -

I have not the slightest objection to the Long Point Company doing what you allude to, only I expected the department ought to have been first apprised of their intentions, before they done so, or attempted to do so. - -

As regards the licensed fishermen on the main land Turkey point, resorting to, and accepting the free invitations of the Long Pt Company, I do not apprehend that they will do anything of the kind, they possess manly spirits, and the minds of men filled with contentment. - - They wish to make a livelihood by fishing on the grounds, where they at present fish, and ~~I have succeeded~~ ^{that} in opening up to them all ^{of} great opposition, but this they know can never be accomplished by their going to Long Point on the invitation of the Solicitor; our fishermen on the main land understand the thing, and they know what they are about. - The inconvenience of the place itself, and the great deal of labour consequent thereto, is so adverse to any profits at all being derived therefrom; - And so very few people have accepted the invitation, that I presume hardly any, if one written permit has been given to any person. -

With regard to the case of illegal fishing complained of by you Sir, that is a matter which must depend on the facts.

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and other Circumstances of the Case. - I am aware of this.

The Long point Solicitor, the Steward, the Guardian, and myself, act in Unison in the Case, there is no adverse opinion, no conflicting interest, no difference of mind, nor thought whatever on this subject. - -

Pending the receipt of your letter, I had no right to express myself, even to personal friends of the Long pt. Co. in a case or about a case I had written you so far back, before I had received your sanction and permission to open my mouth wide on the subject. — And particularly of a locality, where the negro men who are raising Coin, have disposed of that portion of the Long point, they owned by sale to the Long pt. Co. for a money consideration. —

I am perfectly satisfied with the contents of your
long letter, no matter what others may think to the
contrary.

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John A. Brown
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Acton, Minister,
No. 12, Pic. St.,
Ottawa.

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21. May 1872.

I am in daily receipt of applications to prevent
saw dust being thrown into the speckled trout
streams of ^{the District of} Halton, Wellington and Waterloo but
the very small allowance of \$ 200 per annum
fixed by Circular dated Ottawa 1st of January
1871, not sufficient for my ordinary ex-
pense, delays me from attending to this special
duty, without first obtaining your sanction.

I have 200

John H. Carr
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Mon. Ministre
Hc. Hc. Hc.
O'Malley,

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O Maine,

My dear Moon,

Yours just received. Mr. Ames can fish the small seine for herring and mullet on your ground, but will have to pay three dollars for the privilege, and he may haul in any other place not already occupied. - Send me the money and I shall send you a License. - The department are getting very particular about the licenses. -

Yours truly,
John W. Kerr

Bracewell
Hamilton, Ont.,

22. May 1872.

Joseph Moon Esq
Port Union.

On N. Y. Railway.

My dear Sir. - I received your letter on my return from Niagara, and feel greatly indebted to you for the prompt action you have taken in behalf of the Fisheries department. - It has become quite common of late to Replevin Nets in my ports ~~of late~~, altho in my own individual cases I have always managed to get them out of the way, so as to avoid the litigation consequent thereto. - It is not ^{however} legal to take out of the hands of the law any Nets legally seized by a public officer in the discharge of that officer's duty. -

I have applied to the Department at Ottawa, to empower me to employ you to fight the case for us. - You will have no difficulty in the way. -

Of course Peter will have to deny everything, that is to say; he is not guilty of what will be alleged ag^t him - he acting under my authority as his Superior Officer. - Then again the net is the property of the Fishery Dept. being confiscated last year and lent back again by the department at Ottawa. - Hence Helmer cannot prove it his property. - You of course know all the points of law applicable to the case, and you need not be sparing in laying the whole thing on to me, so as to put them in ^{your} Costs & damages. -

I shall come up again next week and Confiscate the same again, so as to make the case doubly sure. - I am greatly obliged for your prompt action to keep things right on the Long Pt. Fisheries and I have signified the same to the Department at Ottawa since I received your letter notifying me of the same. -

Believe me Very Respectfully Yours
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Col. J. A. Giddale

Registrar at Law
Simcoe.

County of Norfolk.

22. May 1872.

Sir,

24. May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith thirteen copies of Licenses issued by me amounting to \$96, dollars, which amount I have already remitted to you. - These licenses will bring you up to the 2^d day of March last. -

Hon Minister,
He. He. He.
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Sir.

24. May 1872.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 21st instant, in reply to mine of the 11th instant. . . .

My special reason for recommending an extension of time for seine hauling for white fish in my district is, that white fish cannot be caught by seine hauling at Pt. Beach, The Credit, Huron, Toronto Island, Lake Quilley, D. Bay, Shoal Point, Lake Ontario, and at Turkey, and Long Point, Lake Erie except between 1st of June, and 1st of August, in each year to pay fishermen for their labour and outlay. . . . It is the only time above all others that white fish makes the rounds of the seine hauler's grounds in search of their favourite food, and when wh. f. visit or come on these seine hauling grounds it is the only fit and proper and profitable time for catching them, I recommended this to your consideration in my last Annual Report. - Last winter was a long and dreary time upon our fishermen, and it has run well into Spring, I may say well into Summer. - Had it not been for the indulgence granted by you in permitting the fishermen to catch pike in D. Bay, this Spring for one month, it would be still more severe upon them. - So poor was the seine hauling at Niagara that I was obliged to reduce the rent by one half, with your approbation. - This year the seine hauling commenced late at Niagara consequently it is expected that it will last longer. - While you get into the month of June. -

Only at Niagara have white fish up to this date been caught, with a seine. At Pt. Beach, none are ever caught with a seine before the 10th of June in any year to talk about. - At Toronto, it is sometimes earlier, and sometimes later. - And at the other seine hauling grounds no W. fish, are caught with seines before the 30th of May. -

I am much obliged to you for calling my attention to the fact, that this mode of catching W. fish is allowed by law, till the 30th of the present month. - Now it follows, if white fish cannot be caught by this mode before the 30th of May, because they have not yet come on to the hauling grounds, they should be allowed to be caught after the 30th of May, or when or as soon as the run begins. - -

I have ^{had} experience of the fisheries of the upper part of Lake Erie, the River, Lake St. Clair and River, and Lake St. Clair to the fishing islands and I find comparatively speaking by my recent trip there, that my Seine hauling fishermen are alone, are the only fishermen affected injuriously by the law you have quoted for my observation and this. - -

And never has it become more necessary for to exercise the powers of the 19th section of the Fisheries Act, and because such is my firm belief, I make this application with much pleasure! -

I Have &c.

John Wilson
N.S.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.
Ottawa.

Sir,

27. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith, 18 copies of license issued by me, on which I have received \$142, dollars, and remitted the same to you, since the commencement of this year. -

I Have &c.

John Wilson
N.S.

Hon. Minister
H. H. H.
Ottawa.

N.S. Please find about 700 license copy also
- 10. John Wilson
N.S.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, I have charged every one just the same amount, that I demand of you \$10. dollars, some were more than ten dollars. Of course I was made aware that Simmonds was fishing your nets last April when I was down, I did not wish to take any advantage of him during your absence, send me the money ten dollars, and I will send license by return of post. —

Wm George Knight,
Friedman
Leslie P. Office

Yrs Truly
John W. Kerr,
D. O.

Tuesday, 28. May 1872.

At B. beach. Mrs Marion Martin paid me ten dollars license for last year. — Ben. Joyce paid me twelve dollars for this year. — went out at 8. a. m. came in at 4½ p. m. miles 30. At B — 2.00 driver 5¢ Horse fed off 25 toll 12¢

Sir,

28. May 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith
Bank Cheque No: 43. for the sum of £ 40. —

- Will you be pleased to apply this amount as
follows; for the year 1872, and 1871. —
1. Mr Henry Robt. of Port Maitland, at the mouth of the
Grand River, Lake Erie, a balance of license for the
past year of 1871. — in full, — \$ 7.00.4
 - do. do. on acct of 1872. — " 11.00.
 2. Mary Jane Loe of Burlington Beach, for
current year of 1872, \$ 12.00.4
 3. Mrs Maria Martin, of Port Beach, for last
year of 1871, and only now paid this
day: — \$ 10.00.4

Total. — \$ 40.00.4

Please find Copies of the licenses issued here —
with, —

I Have &c

Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.
J. W. H. H.

John W. H. H.
J. W. H. H.

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30. May 1872,

I have the honor to send you here-
with cheque No. 47, for the sum of eight
dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this
amount as follows; for this current year of
1872. -

1. Mr. Arms of Scarborough, Licence to
fish a small beam at Pt. Union see Copy
enclosed herewith. \$ 3.00

2. Mr. James A. Miller of St. Catharines
Lic. at Pt. Dalhousie in Lake
Ontario, for the year 1872, 5.00

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\$ 8.00

Yours Minister
J. C. V.
Ottawa, -

I Have &c.
John D. S.
8.00

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Wednesday, 29. May 1872.

At St. Catharines to see Peter Bath, and James A.
Miller Esq gave licence to Mr. Miller of Pt.
Dalhousie Harbour - Martin's Pond. - Peter
signified his intention not to fish there any more. -
being ejected from the beach by the owner of
the beach property, glad to get rid of him. -
went out at 10. a.m. came home at 5. p.m.
miles 72. 144 Ps. - 2.50. By fare 2.00, dinner 50. -
Lame with Rheumatism in left knee. - took 5¢
Rice hire at St. Catharines 30. -

Sir.

30. May 1872.

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, I have the honor to send you herewith a letter I have just received from James A. Miller Esq of St Catharines, the applicant for a nine years lease of the 15, 16, and 18 mile ponds &c. Mr Miller sets forth fully in this letter the object he and other gentlemen have in view in applying for the lease of the ponds alluded to, and as my leanings are decided so much for the protection, and restocking of our depleted and fished out waters, choice fish exclusively fished out, I strongly recommended that a nine years lease be given to Mr James A. Miller for this laudable purpose. -- Mr Miller an active member of the Game Club of St Catharines, states in his letter to me the sole object he and the other members of that Club have in view in applying for this lease. --

The 15, and 16 mile ponds extend from the beach of Lake Ontario, up to the line of the G. W. Railway, a distance of about one mile, the Creek go still further up, towards the mountain. -- And I suppose I would be safe in stating that there is about 100 acres of water in each of those ponds. -- Heretofore those ponds no doubt formed a part of Lake Ontario and might be then called inlets, but a bar of sand and gravel has been formed in front of each, that is a narrow bar has been joined, between the ponds, and the Lake, and this bar has been converted into a public Road and highway, and forms a portion of what is now known as the Lake Shore Road. -- There is a wooden bridge across the stream which flows from each pond into the Lake. -- This stream is as frequently blocked up, with sand and gravel, as it is open. -- Salmon frequented those ponds and creeks in days gone by. -- The main object is to get them back there again, if it is possible to do so. -- I have talked with the President of the Game Club Mr Sheriff Woodruff, and other members, and was informed by them, that the members about 100 persons, will contribute handsomely towards opening up the outlets, and ^{thus} making the outlets permanent fixtures by the aid of sheet piling them, and otherwise fixing them, so that the fish, when the entrance is permanently kept open, may be enabled at all times to go from

the Lake into the ponds at their pleasure. - and have no obstructions to encounter, as at present in their way. - - -

It is also the intention of Mr Miller, and the other Gentlemen interested, to stock the ponds with choice fish, and have a man of their own employed to aid the department to protect them. - -

The 18 mile pond is not as extensive, as either of the others, but the intention of Mr Miller, and the members of the Club towards it, is the same. - -

These ponds have been always heretofore, the resort of fishery law breaking people, and I have paid them frequent visits, to stop illegal and Sunday fishing. - - -

My last visit there was on the night of the 25th day of April last, when I seized four nets set there, by unlicensed fishermen. - This act of mine, has in a manner determined and fixed the intentions of Mr Miller, and the other Gentlemen the applicant for the lease of the ponds for nine years. - -

Your letter to Mr Street sent by him to Mr J. A. Miller shows conclusively how powerful, Leases of fisheries are, when they wish to use their power, and prevent contraventions of the Fisheries Act. - and this letter of yours, has had a most powerful effect. - -

On the whole the present value of the ponds for fishing purposes are insignificant, and until now the department has never derived any production of good nor profit from them whatever. -

I have much pleasure in strongly recommending the issuing by the department of a nine years lease of the ponds &c. in question to Mr James A. Miller of St. Catherine's. -

The fisherman has ever applied for to lease those ponds &c. &c.

I Agree &c.

John W. Ross
S. A.

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Sir,

3. June 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday night last, about half past eleven o'clock p.m., on the River Credit, about two miles up the River from the Railway Station at Port Credit, I found six men and a boy with a team of horses. . . . They had been evidently fishing there before I arrived there, and I am satisfied they had a boat, and perhaps a net, and spears which they got out of the way by a signal given by the boy placed as an out post to warn them of approaching danger. . . .

I have had Complaints lodged before me against several persons for fishing in the River Credit with light at night, and with nets by day, at the place above alluded to, which I beg most respectfully to bring under your notice, before further proceedings are taken in the Cases. . . .

A great many people are now commenced to take a warm interest in this River, because Salmon have come back there again. . . . The flats on this River, I regret to say are covered with saw dust, which came down with the freshet at the breaking up of the ice. . . . I shall attend to the saw mill owners on this River, and it goes shortly about this saw dust, as I gave them a notice each last year, to keep it out. . . .

Hon: Minister

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purpose. Mr. Mackenzie gave notice that he would move to strike out this item. Upon concurrence on the vote of \$7,400 to pay Fishery overseers and wardens in Ontario, Mr. Mackenzie remarked that this was not for the protection of fish, but for catching loose fish. Mr. McVicar, of Sarnia, had been receiving \$200 a year, and did nothing. \$370 was received from his district, but it was neither collected by him nor paid to him. Dr. Tupper was greatly surprised when he learned that these statements were true, and orders had been given to make no further payment, Mr. McVicar meanwhile being notified that until he discharged his duties, he would receive nothing further. The next item dis-

The estimates for fisheries, \$113,735, were taken up, and the following items passed: Salaries and disbursements of Fishery overseers and Wardens, Ontario, \$7,400; Quebec, \$8,000; Nova Scotia, \$9,755; New Brunswick, \$7,080.

Mr. OLIVER pointed out that above London the Thames millowners were compelled to make fishways, while those below were not compelled to do so.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE observed that many of the Fishery Overseers had little or nothing to do, and he thought the money was unnecessarily spent.

Hon. Dr. TUPPER said, with regard to the Thames, that the same instructions were issued for all parts of the river. He would mention the matter to the department. The overseer at Sarnia had been notified that his salary would be discontinued if his duties were not performed.

On item maintenance and repairs of schooner *La Canadienne*, \$9,000, Mr. Blanchet thought another schooner was required.

Mr. WORKMAN did not see why another schooner was needed, since the Americans were admitted to our waters. He wished to know why such heavy charges as \$400 per day had been made for the service of Dominion vessels to aid wrecked vessels.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said these steamers were not kept up for rendering gratuitous service to underwriters.

The following items were agreed to: Fish;

breeding, fish-ways and oyster-beds, \$7,500. marine police, \$65,000; estimate of salaries and contingent expenses of the culb. . . . Quebec, \$72,425; Montreal office, \$100; steamboat inspection, \$13,250; Indian 5-302 (including \$1,400 for blankets for aged and infirm Indians), \$8,502; annuities payable to Indians in North-West Territories, &c., \$20,009; expenses connected with the protection of Indians in British Columbia, miscellaneous, \$576,500.

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Sir,

3. June 1872.

I have the honor to apply to you, that you will be pleased to give instructions at once to the General Warden in Charge of the Government fish breeding establishment at Newcastle, Onto, to supply the following creeks with salmon fry immediately. . . .

1. The River Credit, under the falls of the Credit. . . .
2. The 16 mile Creek above Oakville, and the 12 mile Creek, above Toronto, in the County of Halton. -
3. A small spring Creek that enters N. Bay. - The fry to be put in near Appleton's mill. - Township of Glamboro East. -
4. Cold Spring Creek, township of Ancaster, that enters N. Bay, through Dundas Marsh. -
5. Big Creek, township of Safford, that enters Burlington Bay. . . .
6. The 15, and 16 miles Creeks, in the township of South, County of Lincoln. -
7. The 20 mile Creek, do, do, do. -
8. The twelve mile Creek, in the Township of Grantham, and County of Lincoln. -
9. And the four mile Creek, to be put in at St. David's at Burns's Mill dam, township of Niagara. -

In my report of the past year, the following sentence occurs: "I shall require this season about 200,000 salmon fry to restock the rivers in every division in Lake Ontario, in which I expect to be allowed to procure from the Govt fish breeding establishment". -

I have perceived by a News paper article recently published that there is now half a million of salmon fry there there. - As the people are in expectation of getting a supply for all the places named, and will take a warm interest in the fish after being placed there, I hope the department will be

pleased to accede to my application and thereby satisfy the entreaties and desires of an interested people. —

I may here state for your information that in years gone by, all those creeks had Salmon therein in abundance after leaving the 12 mile creek at Puente, I do not think there is one solitary Salmon frequent the Creeks I have now enumerated, so that if those Creeks are now restocked from the fish breeding fork establishment at Newcastle, then to the Dept at Ottawa, and all due credit, all the honor and praise for having done so.

Hon. Ministers

Yc. Yc. Yc.

Ottawa.

I Have Yc.

John W. Lewis

T. A.

Sir,

4. June 1872.

I have the honor to thank you most sincerely for the kindly manner in which you befriended me before a Committee of the House of Commons. ^{as I observed reported in last Saturday's Globe} last week, when my name was unfavorably brought up by Mr James Young M. P. ^{at Galt.} in connection with the fish slide in the Galt dam. —

Mr Young nor no other person has any cause of Complaint in that respect, as your order ^{last fall} was strictly carried out, and the slide repaired and reversed, to the satisfaction not only of myself but every other person ^{with} a fair and honorable turn of mind and thought ~~except Mr Willy Cowan~~ ^{also excepted} ~~who made without a margin at his own cost & expense.~~ ^{Mr James Oslain} Mr Young may have reason to find fault with myself directly in this way: that last fall I had him served with a notice to keep the saw dist^{ce} from his mill out of Mill Creek Galt instead of summoning him at once and joining him ^{which the House empowered me to do} ~~it would do for me to impute motives to Mr James Young.~~ ^{Many thanks for the rule in the matter} friendship you have shown for me, behind my back. where I could not defend myself.

J. Whitches Esq

Commissioner Yc.

Ottawa

I Have Yc.

John W. Lewis

T. A.

the proprietor performed the work in a workmanlike manner at his own cost & expense without a murmur.

Sir,

5. June 1872,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 1st instant, in reply to mine of the 11th and 24th of May last, in which I recommended that Seining for White fish should be allowed at certain places between Whitley and ³ Bay Beach in Lake Ontario, and at Turkey point, and Long point, Lake Huron, from 1st instant, to the 1st of August, next "The very time now prohibited by the Fisheries Act."

Previous to the present Law being passed and brought into force, and operation in May 1868, we had a similar law, for White fish Seining, as that now set forth in Section 9, of the Fisheries Act. —

I was induced then at the urgent request of the fishermen of my Section on Lake Ontario to make a similar application which your predecessor was pleased to grant, and this continued until the present Act came into operation. — By an order dated 14. July 1866, Seining was allowed at Turkey point, and Indian point, County of Prince Edward, during the months of June and July. — It was allowed at Bay Beach and Toronto, at the same time. —

You say: The Minister's attention is attracted to the Circumstance, that such a recommendation is either too general or is partial. I am glad to find that the Minister's attention has been attracted to the Circumstance, but he need have no fears that my recommendation is either more general or ^{more} partial than the urgent wants of the fishermen demand and require of course being only an answer, I would not dare to look beyond my own district in my recommendation or I should have asked for the change to be made all over. — The Minister's predecessor done what I now ask for, on the 14. July 1866. —

Unless your permit Summer Seining for White fish in the places I have recommended Seining will have to be abandoned altogether

except at Turkey Point, and Niagara.

From the tales of the fishermen, I am familiar with ~~of~~ the destructive effect of seine hauling with small herring seines, but that has ^{been} I hope numbered amongst the things of the past. — I presume it is so even in the District of Prince Edward. — And if it is not so, it should be so, so that I hope the duty and perseverance of the Overseers there, will not be labour in vain. —

I only know about the fisheries and the fishermen of distant districts when your special orders calls me there occasionally, but I do really believe that if Overseers will hold their districts in hand, bad, destructive things of the past can never be so frequently repeated again. —

I consider Section 9, of the Fisheries Act, should be repealed so far as the prohibition of seining for White fish went, during June and July, not only in my district, but it should be made in a general way to apply to all the fisheries you allude to. — But still there should be severe

restrictions. — In fact I find still with all the laws and regulations made from time to time

that a more regular system is wanted, and should be adopted by which the morals of the fishermen should be more strictly governed.

If you are pleased to allow seine hauling for White fish in June and July. — Then be pleased to forbid seine hauling ~~for~~ and set hauls, with herring seines, and forbid herring gill nets being set on the White fish seining grounds during the same period. —

I Have &c

Wm. Minister

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John A. Lewis

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Wm. Minister

Telegrams #1. —

Postages to date 1.75.

Sent 14 Licenses away this 6th day of June. cor-
rected and made right. —

Sent 11. more also — to the Department at Ottawa

Sunday 2, June 1872,
at C. Depue's inlet found four persons fishing there
had them fined off 1. each and Cost, their names are
as follows. — John Smith, John Ryan, Pat Ryan & John Sullivan
went out at 9. a. m. came in at 7¹/₂ p. m. miles
about 30. B & B 100. 3rd paid, paid dinner for 4
J. R. Star Sam McNeill and self 75. — got the 3
back again. — charge "fishing on Sunday." —

†. Saturday 8. June 1872,
at B. beach, John Gault paid 10. and Ben Gold
14, license for current year, went out at 5 p. m.
came in at 11 p. m. — miles 20. B & B. — 2. —

†. Sunday 9th. June 1872.
at C. Depue's inlet no person fishing. went
out at 1 p. m. came in at 8. p. m. — miles
16. — B & B — Hot changed. —

†. Monday 10. June 1872,
at Paris, Simcoe, Turkey Point, and St. Milligan
see particulars of Trial, in my report of 13 instant,
went out at 8. a. m. came in at St. Milligan
at 11. p. m. — miles 50. B & B 1. — B & B — 1.50 to Sim-
coe, dinner tea & bed 75. — to St. Milligan 4c 2. —

†. Tuesday 11. June 1872,
at St. Milligan and Long Pt to see Bill Lee-
y respecting Americans fishing there, went out
at 8. a. m. came in at 8. p. m. miles about
30. Sail boat. 2. — Board 75¢. —

Sir,

14 June 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith a Bank draft No: 71, for the sum of thirty five dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for the current year of 1872,
1. Mr John Eagle License for fishing station, No: 9, on B. beach, in Lake Ontario of fishing station above said containing 425 yards frontage, and extending two miles outwards into the waters of the said Lake, besides the privilege of fishing herring and lesser gill nets. Copy of license herewith. — x 10.00

2. Mr Maryamie Coult, license for fishing station No: 5, on B. beach, in Lake Ontario, containing 460 yards frontage and extending into the waters of the said Lake for a distance of two miles besides the privilege of fishing herring and lesser gill nets. Copy of license herewith. — x 14.00

3. Mr James Crockett of Turkey Pt a license to fish in Lake Erie, on station No: 3, township of Charlotteville, having a frontage of 800 yards, and extending for a distance of four miles. Copy of license herewith. — 10.00

Total \$ 34.00

Yours faithfully

I have &c

&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kent

A. M. M. M.

&c.

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Wednesday 12 June 1872

at St. William, Turkey Pt. License fees & Ham-
ilton, saw Chas. J. Fuller, Barrister & Col: R. A. Vindale
Marine, at home, about the Repley, and about
Jimmy de Rose, and Americans &c. went out at 7. a.m.
came in at 11. p.m. - miles 80. 144 buggy 3, and
By Rail 1. Board 75. —

Friday 21. June 1872,
 At B. beach to watch Dan. McJuryne reported to
 me for catching White fish with a Sterring Seine,
 on the Wednesday night previous, remained there
 on the Alert for several hours, went out at 6. p.m.
 came in at 1. a.m. Miles about 24. Set B
 # 4
 2.50. -

Sat. 22. June 1872.
 At B. beach, with Col. Wm. McJuryne to
 pick out a place there, on which to build
 a summer residence, went out at 3. p.m.
 came in at 11. p.m. miles all around
 about 30 miles. - This trip cost me no-
 thing at all. - Expenses all paid John I
 MacKenzie. Robinson of British Bank, McVicker
 of Montreal Bank with us, also J. Ritchie P.M.
 and Routh of Brown & Gillespie -

Sat. 23. June 1872,
 With reference to my report to you of the 20th
 of May last, regarding Geo. & Wm. Holmes of Turkey Point,
 Lake Erie, for a contravention of the Fisheries Act on Long
 Pt. on the 18th and 19th of April and the 13. May last on
 Long point. - I have now the honor to report, that
 upon Thursday last, upon an information laid by George
 Holmes before Robert Brown Esq., a Magistrate at
 Simcoe in the County of Norfolk, Peter Price, Guardⁿ,
 at Long point was arrested for stealing the Seine
 he had seized by virtue of the 18th section of the Act.
 On Friday last, I received a telegraph from Col.
 David Lindsay to come up to Simcoe, which I did
 on Monday last, the result of the trial was that
 the case against Peter Price was dismissed. -
 The Magistrate having decided that in as much
 as George Holmes, had no license from the Dep^t
 of Marine and Fisheries, see order in Council
 dated 23rd of August 1870, it was the duty of the
 officer to act as he did under the 18th section
 of the Fisheries Act. -
 Colonel Lindsay defended Mr Price, while

Mr. Charles J. Fuller a Barrister of Lincoln, was engaged by George Holmes. - The result seemed to give general satisfaction to the public. - The case of Replevy has also been abandoned altogether by Holmes, and his counsel. - -

Mr. Fuller placed in my hands after the Great the enclosed petition which I submit for your consideration, I have no objection to raise against the net, and ropes being restored by you to the petitioner but I consider he should pay all the costs incurred in the case by Mr. Peter Price. -

I Have &c.

Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
D. C.

B. W. W. W.

Sir,

24. June 1872.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant with reference to the project of the St. Catharines game club, as recently described by Mr. Jas. A. Miller in his letter to me on the subject now before you. - -

The game club of St. Catharines it appears is composed of about 120 members with Joseph A. Woodruff Esq. the Sheriff of the County ("Lincoln") as President. - The only compensation which the club expect to reap from their intended outlay is the assurance that when the several members go there for hook and line fishing they will be amply repaid by the quantities of choice fish they will be able to take and which as a matter of course must necessarily follow as remuneration in pleasure and profit, and for the intended outlay to be spent, and which as I have already brought under your notice as stated by Mr. Miller. - Independent of the Outlay alluded to, the Club intend to keep boats, and a man always on hand during fishing season to wait upon the members of the Club, besides he is to protect, and prosecute every person who may infringe or trespass on their leased premises in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

There can be no doubt, but that the granting of the Lease sought for, or even an annual license will be a boon to the St. Leathers people because visited as this flourishing town is annually during the summer by wealthy American Citizens and others who frequent the Mineral Water Establishment of St. Leathers. . . . The ponds and their surroundings at once present themselves as most agreeable places of resort for those people, and the members of the Game Club, for holding pic-nics and fishing parties, as places for recreation, and a pleasant drive out to, for healthy resort, with high banks and situated about 10 miles from the Town of St. Leathers on the Lake shore "Ontario", with its large expansive view, besides the delightful refreshing breeze from its blue clear waters. . . . These I have heard recently are some of the benefits to be derived from the intended lease of 9 years applied for by Mr. J. A. Miller. -

If the streams above the ponds would answer as a receptacle for salmon fry procurable from the Govt. fish breeding establishment, New Castle, I am satisfied the Club would be willing (as I am certain they are able) to pay for them. And if the ponds prove productive the members of the club, and the board of the Mineral Water Establishment of St. Leathers would decidedly reap all the benefits by fishing there in the way I have already pointed out to you in a preceding part of this letter. -

The application made by Thos. L. Street Esq. M. P. for the County of Wexford to you in the first place, in behalf of the Game Club of St. Leathers, asking certain information, and putting certain questions to which you have replied placed the now licensed ("Anglers") persons of the St. Leathers G. Club, in such a position, as to leave them no other alternative, but apply for a license, as in the present case they have done. - Of course I admit I should have suggested definite terms, and conditions, I can do this hereafter, if you come to the conclusion to grant Mr. Miller's application.

You say: If those ponds are ~~productive~~ to be restocked with fish, and the Company expect as stated by Mr. Miller to procure ova or fry from the fish breeding establishment at New-Castle, why might not the same be done by this department? - I answer there is nothing on earth to prevent this being done, if the department will take action. -

In my report for the last year I said I shall require this season 200,000 Salmon fry for restocking the Rivers in every division in Lake Ontario which I expect to be allowed to procure from the fish breeding establishment. - This application you will please observe was made before Mr. Miller appeared in the field. - - and later on the 3rd of June, instant I again applied to the department on the same subject, none however have yet arrived, and none have yet been deposited in the streams this season so far, that is I have had no communication from Mr. Samuel Milner on this subject. -

As far as I am concerned in this and in all my intercourse with you in this and every other matter and thing, I am always frank, I keep nothing back and because I believed it would make the Department very popular amongst the highly respectable Community of St. Catharines and because of the unproductiveness of these ponds to the Department always heretofore in a pecuniary way I acknowledge I did strongly recommend you to give the lease. - -

If you allude to Mr. Miller, I must certainly say that I believe in this case he does not lack the essential element of frankness. -

I am perfectly pleased and satisfied with the more Comprehensive decision arrived at by the Minister. - For to issue an experimental license for 1872, is wisdom itself. - - I would recommend to you however upon no account give a license to Mr. Miller free, as by doing so, you would place the Dept. and

and myself in a position where fault finding by certain individuals would be sure to be the result. -

Hon. Minister,
Ottawa.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
Ottawa,

Postage 1.50 -

My dear Major Fagg, Will you be pleased to find herewith One Hundred dollars to apply on my note to you for Two Hundred and fifty dollars.

Will give you some more in a short time.

Yours very much obliged

John W. Kerr
Barton Onto
26. June 1872

Major Wm Fagg,
Barton

My dear Peter,

Referring to my instructions to you regarding the Seining for White fish at Long Pt and Turkey Pt, see Section 9. of the F. Act! - I have had a Telegram from the Department at Ottawa to allow Seining for White fish to be extended until the 15th of July next. - please apprise the fishermen and govern yourself accordingly. - - From the 15th of July, to the 1st day of August, you must not allow any Seine hauling for White fish whatever.

Mr Peter Brock
St. Williams

Yrs truly
John W. Kerr
Ottawa,

P. S. - J. Helmer has to pay you all the Costs before the Seine is given back. -

John W. Kerr
Ottawa

Sir,

3. July 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque \$60.00, for the sum of sixty five dollars. -

This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows; for this current year of 1872. -

1. ~~Self~~ David Ward, George Durman, and Patrick Gray. - The Island fishing &c. in Lake Ontario, near Toronto, licensed for the year 1872. Copy of license herewith. - - - - - \$ 60.00

2. Mr Edward Apter, license to fish in Ashbridge bay. Lake Ontario, near Toronto, "Pike gill-nets" for the year 1872. Copy of license herewith. -

5.00
Total \$ 65.00

I Have &c.

Hon: Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Ward
D.O.

* Tuesday 2. July 1872,

At Toronto, to collect fishing license money. Mr Gray paid me \$20 for self, and \$5 for Edward Apter, - was up at the hauling at the Point. - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 12 m. night miles 48. Pay fare \$1. 44¢ - 1.50, dinner tea, and bed 75¢ saw Geo. Durman on the hauling ground.

* Wednesday, 3. July 1872.

At 3: Island, then to the city - George Durman paid me \$20. license fee. - Mr Michael Doyle paid me \$20. for license fee of David Ward, saw Mr Alex: Macdonald Police Magistrate, got some beer from him. - home by Rail - fare \$1. breakfast, dinner 50¢ - Cash 50¢ miles about 50. - Got Bank Cheque for 65. sent away as per letter. -

Copy -

In Lake Ontario, between the Stumbers Bridge, and the outlet, at the Island opposite the City of Toronto, the same being comprised within a distance of eight miles, and to extend from the beach on the main land, and the beach of the Island outwards into Lake Ontario for a distance of Ten miles, the same being situated in the County of York. -

For the purpose of seine hauling, and gill net fishing, and to occupy all the ground except where already leased to, and occupied by other persons. -

Dated 2^d January 1872.

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Friday night - the 5th July 1872.

On N. beach, got information that Dan McFoyne was fishing his Herring seine, for White fish. Heard the boat going out from where I was at Jack Saaffes fishing ground, - drove up there, heard from Ben Golds that Fred³ Corey had made a haul and caught two Bushel Basket full of Herring and small White fish with Herring seine. Ben told me Dan was also fishing his Herring seine, went across towards Daws ground met young Harry Long of Glenford, went up to the Widdells found Dan there and another man - talked a while with Dan, who at last told me he had his herring seine out, and wished me to go away, and not be there when the haul came in. - Came up to his House with me, I went there at his request. - Remained and saw the haul, he had a quantity of White fish. - Told him he must not fish that net for White fish, he promised to hang up, begayed of his wife to advise him she told me she tried to persuade him from fishing but he persisted in doing so, I went up the beach, measured and examined F. N. Coeys seine a Herring seine also, got from recent hauling, cut a couple of pieces out of it. - then down the beach to

back Lauffer and David Hitcher, saw George
 Williams, and Jim who fishes for Podkins -
 went down to Ben's fold's ground no one fishing
 there, - back again and found that Dan was
 after coming in with second haul and put
 again on the third haul, waited until Dan
 came in, remonstrated with him, tried to get
 him lift the seine again, which he would not
 do, he was under the influence of drink and
 then went to bed. - I remained until the haul
 was in, and then I had day-light to examine
 the seine. Lac. Corey, was there drew his atten-
 tion to the net and the size of the mesh, -
 told Lac I had caught him fair this time.
 Lac, came in. There were Henry Long Jr
 of Glenford, Ab^l Swartz, John Swartz, George
 Spence and Mesley Stewart of Pinhook,
 assisting Dan to fish and haul on the oc-
 casion referred to, Ab^l Swartz gave me their
 names, and told me he had them all prom-
 ising for him except Long, - I told them of-
 fer I examined the net by day light, that
 they had all been breaking the law, - and
 the consequence. - Came home, and sent my
 son George down to Constable McNair with
 instructions to seize all the white fish, which
 it appears he subsequently done in the Ham-
 ilton Market. - Went out at 10 1/2 P. M.
 Came in at 10 A. M. miles about 26,
 H. B. - 2.50 - Day # 1. -

Sir,

8. July 1872.

I have the honor to send you here-
with my account and diary for the quarter
ending the 30th day of June last, together with
the salaries of two Guardians, for the half year
ended 30th day of June 1872, also my own
petty expenses for the quarter just ended.

John W. Kerr's diary	112.95
do. - Office rent, vouchers No: 1, -	5.00
James Lolley, do. " 2, -	5.00
J. E. Ritchie, Postages, - " " 3, -	1.50
Duncan, Stuart & Co, Stationery, - " " 4, -	2.25
John W. Kerr, Telegraphs, - " " 5, -	2.00
Wm. H. Higgins, J. Guardian, Alton, - " " 6, -	20.00
Wm. St. Leary, Long Pt & Lake Erie, - " " 7, -	5.00
Peter Price, J. and Long Pt - " " 8, -	60.00
Total	\$213.70

Hon: Minister
He. He. He.
O'Mara

I Have &c
John W. Kerr
J. O

8. July		
Geo Durman	Toronto N. P. -	4.4
P. Gray	do -	3,
John Fisher	J. Gray -	3,
9 July		
Francis Potvin	Scarboro,	3,
John Head,	Duffin Creek,	3,
John Morley.	Leaside -	3,
Wm Cowan	P. Union. -	3,
Peter Price,	J. William -	3,

Telegrams 33 4,
do - 28.4

Thursday, 11. July 1872.

* At St. Catharines, to see James A. Miller Esq. about the 15, 16, and 18. mile ponds, also saw Scotty and heard from him and Mr. Miller, that Dutch Pete was fishing, went out at 8, A. M., came in at 10. M. M. Miles lost - By Joe 2 dinner 25 Buses 30, saw Mr. Gregory about his small gill net, seized last April by me. - - -

Sir,

15. July 1872.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, in reply to mine of the 24th ult., I have the honor to state for your information, that I have recently seen Sheriff Woodruff, and James A. Miller Esq. of St. Catharines, and have fixed a price upon the License to the Game Club. - Some measurements require to be made and obtained for which I am patiently waiting, when I expect to lay the whole matter before you in such a manner as to meet your approbation.

Hon: Minister

He.

He.

He.

Ottawa.

I Have &c.

John W. Kent

D. O.

Postage 50¢ on the 16. July, instant.

Sit.

15. July 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that I will require to spend about 14 days in the County of Peel, in the township of Caledon, on the upper waters of River Credit, to try, and convict, and prosecute Saw Mill owners, who, after being duly noticed, still persist in allowing Saw dust, to be drifted, and thrown into the head and main waters of the same. . . . The River Credit, being a stream frequented by some of the Choise fish named in the fishing Act. . . . I may perhaps have to go into the adjacent Counties, and will require your sanction and authority to do so. . . .

I should think twenty five dollars will cover the expenses in this case, for the time specified. . . I shall follow the stream down from its source, to where it enters Lake Ontario, at Port Credit, and when the duty is performed, I shall report to you the result.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. A.

Hon: Minister

&c.

&c.

&c.

Ottawa. -

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15. July 1872.

at Weymouth, to see Paddy Hand, gave him his license, no money, went out at 7.30. Came in at 5. p. m. miles about 32.
By fare, 75¢ 25.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to find here -
with five dollars. -

This is for yourself, for services rendered
to the Fisheries Department at Long Point, under my
superintendence. -

Will you please try and catch those
Yankee Ashpurses for me the next time they
come back. - Believe me Very sincerely yours
John W. Kerr

Mr Wm H. Leary,
The Steamer,
Long Point.

D.O.
Hamilton Onto
15 July 1872.

Date 2^d Jan'y 1871 - E. H. King. Montreal 15899. 5.
Bank of Montreal. -

15 July 1872,

My dear Peter,

I am just in receipt of your letter
of the 12 July instant, and I have just sent you your
salary for half year ending on the 30th day of June
amounting to \$100 dollars. -

This will be. - - -

E. H. King 3. April 1871. C 04843. - C. Montreal B of M. -
- do. - 3. April 1871. - C. 05774. C Montreal. B. of M.
do. 3 April 1871. B. 08655. B Montreal B. of M.

and believe me
I have - - -

Peter Price

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Francis
St. Williams -

Sir,

16. July 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque No: 105, for the sum of Twenty five dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows; as license fees for this current year of 1872, viz: -

1. Mr Francis Stortz, at Port Bruce, in Lake Erie known as fishing station No: 1, description more fully in license for year 1872, herewith. \$5.00+
 2. Mr Jacob Merdau, do. do. do. - known as fishing station No: 2, do - do. - 5.00.
 3. Mr Allan Mackenzie, do. do. do. - known as fishing station No: 3, do. - do. - 11.00.
 4. Help³, ¹ ¹ and John Bate, license to fish pike gill net, in O. bay, County of Wentworth, for one month, per authority dated 11th of April 1872, \$4.00
- Total \$25.00

Hon: Minister. I Have the
 &c. &c. &c. Should be
 O'Nauda. - J.O.

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Wednesday, 17. July 1872. -

at Toronto, Frenchmans bay, Port Union, and back to Fisheries at Toronto Island, did not see John Fisher, but saw Mrs Fisher, and found from her that the seine was taken home until after 1st of August next, John Head was there to take home his seine. - heard that Sweetman Spinks was fishing at Port Union, and that W^m Bowman had caught a salmon and let it out again. - - -

thence back by train to Toronto again.

Ry fare 1.30 to Toronto, 70¢ to Frenchmans bay, and 70¢ back again to Toronto, dinner tea and bed 75 Miles about 80. - -

1.40
 75
 1.30
 3.45

Thursday, 18th July 1872. ---
 * At Toronto, and home - miles about 45. -
 By fare 1.30. breakfast 25. -

Friday 19. July 1872. -
 * On B. beach, with Thomas Allan Molyth D. P. L. S.,
 and his son Charles, to lay off a piece of the beach
 for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~beach~~ ^{beach}. Mr. Molyth, of Hamilton, went out
 at 8. A. M. came in at 4. P. M. - miles about 25,
 H. and Buggy. J. R. Kerr with me. - 2.60
 Gave the fishermen liberty to catch Herring
 by set hauls, between sunrise in the morning and up
 to 10. o'clock P. M. in the evening. - This is in order to
 give them a chance of Herring until after 1st of Augth
 next, when White fish fishing will commence
 again. -

Saturday, 23. July 1872.
 * At Dundas, found that Goddard and Co. had been
 allowing Coal Oil to escape into the Dundas Creek, from their
 Oil Refinery, also Albert Fox of Dundas, had been allow-
 ing Lime to flow into the Creek from his glue factory.
 noticed them not to do it again, and informed them
 that they were complained against, went out at
 2. P. M. came in at 8. P. M. - miles about 18. -
 H. & Buggy. - tolls 14. - McNeil paid for H. & Buggy.

Wednesday 24. July 1872.
 Got out summonses for the above gave them to
 McNeil to serve. -

Thursday 25. July 1872.
 At the Court they were fined off 1. each & Cost
 in all \$5 each, which they paid. There were
 two witnesses present, Mr. Shannon, and Mr.
 J. Reynolds, went out at 8. A. M. Came in at
 4. P. M. miles about 8. -

Thursday Friday, 25th and 26th of July 1872.

* In B. bay, and outside in Lake Ontario through the canal, run down the Lake as far as Myra bays, gaffled several Herring gill nets going down, saw Mrs Maddell, and David Fitch, George Williams and his son Ephraim, also Lewis Bates, back and saw James Rolf at Wm. Rodkin's and John Pidgeon here before I went on the beach, where Jack Laaff, and Allick Rolan, had set out their pike gill nets, and that they had caught four hout and one white fish on Thursday morning, when they took them up. - got the range - and run out by Jack's herring gill net. then gaffled for and found the net, it was a pike net, about 1000 yds, went out at 6. p. m. came in at 7. a. m. the following morning, Fred⁶ Stevens with me. H. B. and boat, I filled about 34. - - - found three white fish and three S. 7¹/₂ in the nets. - -

Saturday, 27th July 1872.

Saw Jack Laaff and Alex. Rolan about the nets they owned up. said they put them out only to wash them. -

* Tuesday 30th July 1872.

At Toronto, and Alton, township of Caledon, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 7. p. m. Miles 89. Riff fare 2.65, dinner tea and bed 75. - - - received from Mill Higgins the names of mill owners still allowing the saw dust in the Creek - - -

Wednesday 31. July 1872.

* At Alton and Shaws Lake, waiting for a witness, went out at 7. a. m. came in at 8. p. m. Miles 10. team 75. breakfast, dinner tea and bed 1. -

Thursday 1st August 1872.

* At Brangerville, back to Alton and down to the Cataract, to examine the saw mills, found all pretty regular except Mr Richard Church's who never made any rig to keep it out, went out at 6. a. m. came in at 3. p. m. Miles about 20. -

Saw Mr. Campbell & Sons at Grangeville, Mr. Jull, and Manassah Lessons man at the saw mill there. - Saw James Babe, and Richard Silk in the Church. Mill on the Credit at the Water-act, they were sawing a log at the time, examined the plan mill, and the tub lid mill down the Credit, - Team was \$2.25, breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1.00 & got out summonses on my return, first consulting with Ephraim Kennedy J. P. on the subject, whom I got to sign the information with me, he signed the summonses. -

Friday 2^d August 1872.

at Alton, thence to Shaws Lake, back and off to the Village of Irwin, or Irwin Village, brought up Samuel Irwin, mill owner. - before Mr. Sykes, and Mr. McMillan; - Dan Milloy, an Insurance Agent was the Complainant, he gave his evidence so did Hugh White, but it appearing that Mr. Irwin made every reasonable effort to keep the saw dust out of the stream, the case was dismissed. - Irwin being cautioned, and paying the Constable fees \$1.50, Mile travelled 26! Team 2.50, breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$1.00. - a bad feeling seemed to exist between Milloy and Irwin, which appeared all through the trial. I sat on the Case myself.

Saturday 3, August 1872.

at Alton. J. J. Brian, Richard Church, James Babe, and Joseph Silk, appeared before myself and Emory Kennedy. - J. J. Brian was fined ^{\$}20, and ^{\$}2.75 costs of 30 days in Jail. He paid the costs, and Richard Church was fined ^{\$}20, and ^{\$}3.19.4 costs of one month in Jail, he paid the costs. - and James Babe and Joseph Silk were fined 5, each, without cost of ten days in Jail. - Gave those Millers time to fix and rig up their mill. - Thence to Jon-onto and home, miles 89. Pay \$4 & Board \$4. #2.65, & 25, board &c. 75 &

Sir,

6. August 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Saturday last, the 3rd of August, at Alton, in the township of Caledon, in the County of Peel, I had Messrs J. D. Melem, Richard Church, James Mabe, and Joseph Silk ^{of Caledon} summoned up before Emory Kennedy Esq. J. P. and myself, ~~for charges~~ with complaints against you that they did permit saw dust or mill rubbish to be drifted from their saw mills into the waters of the River Credit, a stream frequented by fish.

Mr. Richard Church, who lives at the Falls of the Credit, was fined \$20, and 2.75 Costs of 30 days in Jail. -

Mr. J. D. Melem, was fined 20, and 3.15 Costs of 30 days in Jail. - Mr. Melem lives at Subtown. -

And Messrs James Mabe and Joseph Silk employees of Mr. Church, were fine 5 each without cost or ten days in Jail. -

The costs adjudicated to be paid to the Constable by Messrs Church and Melem, were paid at once into Court. - - -

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the fines be allowed to remain in Abeyance, as a guarantee that the saw dust ^{from their mills} will be kept out of the waters of the Credit in future.

And that Mr. Church given difficulties which surround his mill, be allowed sufficient time to construct means and ways to get the saw dust or ^{mill} rubbish away therefrom. - - - By adopting and approving of the course at Head Quarters which ^{Mr. Kennedy and myself} have taken in these ~~cases~~ ^{cases} I believe Justice will be done in the premises.

These Mill Owners &c. imagined the law could not be enforced against them, hence their reason for breaking it, but now that they know to the contrary, I am satisfied they will be more careful in future. -

The
Hon: the Minister
of Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J. P.

Sir,

6. August 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Friday last, at the village of Winn, in the County of Wellington, Mr. Daniel Millery, complained of Samuel Lewis Saw Mill Owner for allowing saw dust, or mill rubbish to be drifted or thrown into the west branch of the River Credit, a stream frequented by fish. —

Mr. J. B. Styles, McMillan the Resident Magistrate of the village, and myself, before whom the complaint was laid, after a long hearing of the case dismissed it, as it was conclusively proven by several witnesses that Mr. Lewis had made strenuous exertions to keep the saw dust out of the stream. — Mr. Lewis, ~~paid~~ at the same time paid the costs of the suit. — — —

Out of about twenty Saw Mill owners, only three have been summoned up, all the remainder doing their best to keep the saw dust out of the stream.

Indeed some of them have gone to expense in employing an additional hand to wheel the saw dust out of the mill and burn it, and to meet this extra outlay, Mill owners have had to raise the price of lumber.

I Have &c.

The Hon. Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

John W. Ford
P. O.

Sir,

9, August 1872.

With reference to the ponds and small lakes situated in the Townships of Toronto, representing, Chenequa, Courcy, and Lealedon, more particularly those forming and known as the head waters and sources of River Credit, designated Shows Lake &c. &c.

I have the honor to report, that my recent trip there, has proved to me that several Americans have been yearly in the habit of coming in there, during the months of May, August, and September to angle and fish for Speckled Trout, which they take carry home, and send to their homes by express in large quantities without let or hindrance.

By your proclamation dated 15th day of June 1868, "Foreigners shall not intrude upon the fishing grounds of Her Majesty's subjects &c. &c. or shall frequent Canadian waters, and fish without a written license." The waters of the River Credit, being set apart for the natural and artificial propagation of Salmon, see Section 15, of the Fisheries Act, during the time so set apart, no person can fish in those waters, without written permission from a fishery officer.

By a notice from the Department dated Ottawa the 10th of April 1869, the law fixed the time when speckled trout cannot be caught.

Shows Lake is claimed at present as the property of Manafah Tesson of Orangeville who keeps half a dozen of small boats there, for the accommodation of all those anglers who come there to fish.

And by an order in Council dated 23rd of April 1870, no person can fish without a license from the Fishery Department.

Under this last order in Council I take it for granted that neither Americans nor our people strictly conforming to this order in Council can angle for Speckled Trout, in those ponds.

small lakes or streams, feeders to the River beddit already referred to, without a license or permit for which a ~~permit~~ money consideration shall be made. . . . A good deal of talk having been recently held amongst the Saw Mills, owners of Caledon &c, to the effect that it seemed as if they were obliged to keep out the saw dust, so that the Americans, foreigners, and others may have advantages free of catching speckled trout, as they say, at our expense, whereby they could catch large quantities of those sp. trout.

Under all the circumstances I deem it my duty to bring the matter fairly before you, so that no misunderstanding of any kind may hereafter occur or happen, so far as I am personally concerned. . . .

Mr. Higgins a sporting character, living at Alton, who keeps a Hotel there, was employed by me last (Fall.) September to serve printed notices upon the Saw Mill Owners whose saw mills are on the stream that empty into the main channel of the River beddit, to keep out the saw dust &c, &c. . . . These notices were, I have reason to believe, faithfully served, since which time the saw dust more or less has been kept out of the streams, but because the Americans and others who frequent Alton, for speckled trout fishing, and who keep while there stop in Higgins Hotel, a feeling has recently sprung up in the minds of the people of the community that Higgins has gained objects in view more honourable to the Americans his Customers &c, from whom he receives compensation for piloting them round and fishing for them himself, and that he does all this for gain more than as his duty's under the R. Act. - I refer to all those things that you may know exactly the true state of affairs. -

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D.H.

"The department so far reaps no benefits what-
ever from the multitude of speckled trout caught an-
nually by the Americans and others in the small lakes,
ponds and streams of Caledon, and the other back streams
of the back townships on up towards Lake Huron. —

Having submitted the foregoing for your consi-
deration, I shall patiently await your instructions to
me in the premises. —

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr.
S.O.

The Hon:

The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Sir,

20. August 1872.

Now with reference to the latter part of your
letter to me of the 14th instant, thus! "Also, it is
"impossible to determine whether or not you would sug-
"gest changing the local guardian at Shaw Lake".

I have the honor to report, that before I shall
recommend a change, I would like to see the
angling license system first in operation besides I
must find out some other person of fidelity to
take his place. — I intend to run up there some
Saturday night shortly, remain there on Sunday,
and ascertain personally if report I have heard
of persons fishing on Sundays is correct.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
S.O.

Hon Minister

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

Sir,

20. August 1872,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th instant, in reply to mine of the previous date of the 9th instant, in which you say; "The department cannot clearly understand your report respecting the practice of angling for Trout by Foreigners and all others in the small inland lakes, and streams, whether or not you desire it to be stopped entirely or licensed".

By my report to which you refer, you will please learn that I was authorized by the department to proceed to Alton &c. &c. and enquire into the existing state of the saw mills &c. and the speckled trout. -- This I partially done, and the report you allude to, was a simple record of the existing state of affairs, so far as my examination has gone, up there. --

I consider a license fee of not more than ten dollars, nor less than five dollars, per year, should be imposed upon all Foreigners and others, for the privilege of angling ^{for speckled} in our inland lakes, ponds and streams, and that the months of May, June, August and September, should be the only months when angling for speckled trout should be fixed and allowed by the department.

I Have &c.

John W. Hart.
N. B.Hon: Minister
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa

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Friday, 23. Aug^r 1872.

At B. beach, found all regular, if I may except Jim Waddell, who has been drunk and drinking for the last three weeks. Jim has paid no rent for the last 3 years; went out at 9 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. no miles about 24... H. B. - 2.00,

Sir,

27. August 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday morning at R. Beach, Township of Huron County of Michigan, the fish traps in possession of R. Beach were changed before me on view that he did fish for, catch and sell jointly with an Allen Holla there in a boat with three white fish, with a pike gill net on the 25th day of July last, in Lake Ontario, near R. Beach - in contravention of the Fishing Act. . . .

Holla pleaded guilty to the charge but he stated in explanation of the offence that he put out his net at 550 yards in connection with Holla to reach the shore land dirt spit. -

Having found this pike gill net set in Lake Ontario in open bay, about one mile from the shore, I was inclined to give him the benefit of the 10 Section of the Fishing Act. - He has a family of small children. . . . I have however paid him one dollar, and he will return the nets to him again with a caution that if seized again by me they will be confiscated. . . .

The proceedings in this case are attached for subject to your decision. -

I have &c.

Hon. Minister
 G. C. G. C.
 Ottawa.

J. H. B. 20
 B. L.

27. August 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday morning at Os. Beach, Lake Ontario, Mr. Alex. Rolla, a Fisherman, came charged before me on a main that he did on the 25th day of July, last, fish for, catch and sell three Salmon Trout, and three white fish in Lake Ontario, with a pike gill net, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

Rolla pleaded guilty to the charge, but stated in extenuation of the offense, that he put out his net 450 yards to wash the slime off it but did not intend leaving it out longer than was necessary to clean it. Francis found the net set out in Lake Ontario in Russell Bay; about 1 mile from Os. Beach. I am inclined to give him the benefit of the 16 Section of the Fisheries Act, he having a large family of children one of whom recently died; with a sick wife. -

I have however fined him one dollar, and one dollar costs or one week in jail and will return the nets to him again with a caution that if seized again he and they will be confiscated. -

My proceedings in this case are altogether subject to your decision. -

Hon. Minister.
No. 10. 10. 10.
Ottawa.

I have &c
John W. Kerr
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23rd August 1872,

I have the honor to report that on the 21st day of November 1870, Colonel Wm. McQueen of the City of Hamilton, Merchant, made a verbal application to Mr W. J. Whitaker, the Commissioner of Fisheries, in my presence in this City: "For a fishing station on B. beach, in Lake Ontario."

This the Colonel done with the view of getting a piece of the open beach land in front of the fishing station where he could build him a house for his family and self to reside in during the great heat in summer, each year, as a summer residence. —

This application was again renewed to me a few days ago by Colonel McQueen himself personally, and who took me on the beach. And who having pointed out to me what he required in addition to the fishing station. No. 14, vacant, ever since and before I was first appointed Quince; I had Thomas Allan Cole the Esq. a N. L. S., to lay it off, give a description and make a plan of the same for your information. All at the Colonel's expense, and of which you will please find copies herewith. —

Colonel McQueen wishes to obtain a lease of the same for a period of years, before he commences to make improvements. — As the fishing station and beach land applied for has always been vacant since I was first appointed your Quince here, I have much pleasure now in laying this matter before you. And at the same time recommending the application to your honorable consideration at a rental of twenty dollars per year, for the fishing &c. payable yearly in advance. —

All the beach shown on the plan east of Craig and Thomas Jones is an open beach as before, with the beach road all the way. There are several lawns & clads. —

the portion of it is claimed by any person except the Fishery Department
I have &c.

Hon Minister

Robert W. Kerr
G. O.

Sir,

September 16th 1872,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter addressed to me by Mr. William Staskin, the City Engineer, and Manager of the Hamilton Water Works. — — —

In consequence of the low state of the water in Lake Ontario at B. beach, the filtering basin ^{there} permitted ^{to be} and ^{which was} constructed there some years ago by with the sanction of the Crown Land Department, does not at present meet the demands of ~~consumption~~ ^{consumption} of water by the Citizens increasing ~~daily~~ as Hamilton is. —

On the 2nd day of February last I reported to you what was being then done by the Corporation of the City of Hamilton under the superintendence of their Engineer. —

What was done there it appears does not yet meet the requirements "in water supply" of the Citizens, hence the present application. —

It is proposed, ^{now} to ~~construct and~~ build ~~the~~ a dock in Lake Ontario in front of the filtering basin, and in the waters of what is known as fishing station No. 7. on B. beach. — The ^{length} ~~size~~ of the supply pipe will be ^{low} 100 ft into the Lake, which will bring the outside end into about seven feet of water. —

It is the intention of the Engineer as I have learned to have a Crib 30 ft square, built over the outer end of the pipe, with a smaller wharf or dock running ^{thereon} inward, to the beach. —

How it struck me when first made aware of the intention of the Board of Works of the City of Hamilton, that they had no authority from you to do anything of this kind, so I put myself in communication with Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, the City Engineer, and Mr. John Norton, Alderman, Chairman of the City Board of Works, hence the application which I have now the honor of submitting and recommending to your consideration. . . .

Altho' ~~no~~ seine hauling has ^{not} been carried on on fishing station No. 7, this year, still I don't believe even the board of Works of the City Corporation can disturb or injure this fishery, nor build a dock there nor lay a pipe without your sanction and consent first had and obtained. Our fishes, are of as vast importance as our waters, they are in this case Co-equal to each other, and very acceptable I have no doubt at all times to the people of Hamilton &c. &c. &c.

Hon. Ministers &c. &c. &c.

Ottawa. . .

John W. Kerr
O. C.

Sir

16. Sep. 1872.

I have the honor to receive your Circular dated Ottawa, 1st of September 1872, with reference to the usual Annual Statistics to be sent in at the close of the season: Together with the blank forms to be used by me in getting up the same. —

In reply I have the honor to report that it will be necessary to make an appropriation for this particular duty, as I find it always necessary to pay each fisherman in my division a personal visit to obtain the statistics called for by you, by the Circular. . . . I have &c.

John W. Kerr

Hon. Ministers

&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa

It generally is upwards of \$100. for this duty.

John W. Kerr

Tuesday, 10. Sep: 1872.

- * At P^h beach. put up notices respecting the fishing by licensed and unlicensed persons went out at 8. a. m. Came in at 4. p. m. miles 30. H & P. — 2.00.

Wednesday 11. Sep: 1872,

- * At P^h credit and Toronto, and over to the Island, John Ward paid me \$2. rent, saw Johnny Durran, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. — Miles 46. Ryf — fare 1.30 boat fare 25. — dinner tea and bed 75. —

Thursday 12. Sep 1872,

- * At Toronto, Whiting and Duffins Creek, Railway fare \$1. buggy hire to beach point, and the Creek \$2, S. Wright paid me \$2, on acct of rent. — breakfast dinner tea and bed \$1. — went out at 11. a. m. Came in at 7. p. m. — Miles 50.

Friday 13. Sep: 1872,

- * At Duffins Creek, to W^hleowers and P^h Union, and Toronto and Toronto Island, went Johnny Durran paid me \$12 rent, went out at 10. a. m. Came in at 6. p. m. Miles 30 H & P. boat and Railway 2.55, breakfast dinner tea and bed \$1. —

Saturday 14. Sep: 1872

- * At Toronto Island, P^h credit, Oakville and Stone, went out at 6. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. miles 50. H & P. 2.50. Ryf fare \$1. breakfast & dinner 50¢ — — —

Postages & telegrams
Postage 50¢ Tel: 25¢ = 75¢ —
Postage 30¢

Wednesday 18. Sep: 1872,
 # At S. Bridge. Suspension and Niagara. Thomas Meir
 paid me \$5. for license fee for 1872. - went out at
 8. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. miles about 60. -
 Ry fare \$1.40. Horse & B. \$2.50 of. --- dinner tea and
 bed 75. ---

Thursday 19. Sep: 1872.
 # At Niagara, St. Catharines, and Home, Chailey
 Ball paid me 5. and Thomas Elliott, paid me
 \$14 rent for self and Jim Cantwell - Johnny. Hand
 still owes rent for 1871 and 1872. - paid all
 Elliott \$2.50. I owed him for board, went out at
 9. a. m. came in at 5 p. m. miles about 46. -
 fare to St. Catharines 50. Railway fare \$1. breakfast
 and dinner 50. - postage 15.

Friday 20. Sep: 1872.
 # On P. beach, making some measurements in
 connection with Mayo's Chisholm's application, also
 to meet Mr. Geo. Lee, who came there to point
 out the space required, went out at 8. a. m.
 came in at 4 1/2 p. m. miles 26. - Ry fare
 2.00 dinner 50 feed for horse 44 Sat 25. -

Monday 23. Sep 1872.
 # On P. beach to see Jonathan Corse about
 his fishing license money. Mortimer Corby, and
 Jeremiah Corse. - went out at 7. a. m.
 came in at 4. p. m. miles 16. Ry fare 1.50
 dinner 50 of. May 9 Sat 25 of, Chisholm's letter 25.

Monday 30. Sep: 1872
 # At Port Credit, found box set in stream at
 Indian Village, found that a boat from Toronto
 had set out west of the Harbor on Saturday
 evening before. Wrote Pat Gray about it. -
 see Gray report about the box trap, went
 out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. Ry
 fare 1.90. Ry B. 1.00 dinner 35. miles 66

Sir

23, Sep: 1872.

With reference to Mr D. B. Whisholm's (all B's) letter, to the Hon: Minister of Marine and Fisheries for a site on B. beach, upon which to erect a Bathing Establishment, Hotel &c, for the accommodation of the Citizens of Hamilton, and others that will be a benefit to the City. -

I have the honor to report and at the same time beg most respectfully to submit for your information and consideration a plan and tracing of that portion of B. beach which is required and is presumed as best adapted as the proper location most suitable for the intended ~~Buildings~~ ^{Buildings} and establishments. - - -

I shall here endeavour to lay everything before you in as succinct a manner as possible, so that in giving and granting to Mr Geo: Lee, the gentlemanly manager of the intended Establishment, the site asked for, in behalf of the Citizens, you may be in possession of all matters facts and things in connection therewith just the same as I am myself in possession of them at this present moment. -

I have numbered the different buildings and lots as shown on the plan, so that you may know by whom, or who at present occupies them thereby giving you a synopsis of the ground on the beach applied for. -

No: 1, is the New Stone Light House. -

No: 2, is the Light House Keepers Work House shed and lot. - -

No: 3, is the Derryman's small House and lot which is 2 c. 64 links south from the edge of the Canal. - - -

No: 4, is the House and lot of James Waddell, and this is 4 c 27 links from the Canal. -

No: 5, is Mr John Balders St. and lot exactly 6 chains from the edge of the Canal.

No. 6, the remains, a wreck of an old barn owned by James Maddell. . . .

No. 7. is Mrs Joan Baldry's barn. -

No. 8, is where a post has been planted, but now rotted away, "a stump" showing that the New and more extended Canal boundary reserve is 8 chains in extent south on the beach from the Canal thereby showing you conclusively that all the lots and houses as above enumerated and here referred to, numbered from 1 to 8, inclusive, are within what is called the New Canal Reserve. . . . The old Canal Reserve proper, you will please find by the tracing is only 5 chains 19 links from the Canal, and this boundary, ^{please observe by paper} does not include the House of Mrs Baldry nor James Maddell, nor their barns within its limits. . . . I here refer to this only for the

purpose of posting you in the premises. . . . The width of the beach, from the Lake water edge of Lake Ontario, to the water edge in the Bay, in a straight line ^{by} where post No. 8 is planted is 5 chains and 41 links; And between Maddell's and Mrs Baldry's fishing ground, the beach from Bay to Lake at this point is 5 C. and 41 links, and between Mrs Sherburn's and Mrs Baldry's fishing, it is 6 chains across the beach, from Lake to Bay. -

And between Mrs Sherburn's and Ben: Joyce's fishing it is 7 C. 21 links. - And between Ben: Joyce and Luc: Coeys fishing a line run straight across the beach, from the Lake to the Bay is exactly 10 C. 14 links, from water to water. . . .

No. 9. Will show you where Mrs Sherburn's small house and lot fenced in, is situated, it is nearly on the Centre of the beach. . . .

No. 10. is a spot on the open beach on the Bay side, said to be owned by the late Mrs Metcalf, deceased.

No. 11, a lot fenced in partly, and going to wreck, owned by Thomas C. Kent Esq. Metcalf - Chant Hamilton, on the Bay side. -

No: 12, an unfenced part of the beach, on the bay side claimed by James Waddell. —

No: 13 a fenced in piece of beach on the bay side, a vegetable garden, claimed also by James Waddell. —

~~No: 14, a fenced in piece of beach on the bay side~~ No: 14, a lot with an unoccupied dilapidated house and fence claimed by W. J. Murray an ex-partner of Kerr, Brown & Co. —

No: 15, and 16, owned by Messrs John and Adam Brown, Merchants Hamilton. — — —

Now the object is, as I understood, provided you will accede to the application. —

The proprietors of the Hotel &c, have in view in buying out Messrs Waddell and Sherburn &c,

or their right of possession, is that they may pull down or remove away their present resi-

dences, enlarge the present public road within the Canal Reserve, and the approach to and from

the Canal Ferry. — The Ferryman's House with the sanction of the Hon: Minister, will require to

be moved back, so as to enlarge the approach to the Canal from the Hotel, ~~and thus the~~ ~~Proprietors~~

~~to~~ The Rickety fence in the locality will be removed at once and replaced by a handsome

sightly one, with a wide plank walk construct-

ed in front of same, from the ferry boat land-

ing to the Hotel. — A Ferry Steam boat will run daily from the City to the Hotel

The public Road and approaches to the Canal will be all newly made and the ground on

each side of the public road will be all fenced in; with gates at stated intervals

in the fences leading by walks to the water edge of the Lake and bay. — And this will be

done the entire extent of beach asked for as now set forth in the enclosed plan. —

This will be all, done at the expense of the Proprietors. — — —

The plan herewith submitted shows the extent of beach required; when two chains in width are taken off for a public road, the same as the late Samuel Payne deed provides for, the balance of the beach there will be a fair allowance on each side of the said public road, on the bay and lake side, at present occupied as the Fishing Reserve and now applied for as a site for a Hotel &c. &c. —

Lots Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, as shown on the plan, were bought and purchased by the present occupants from the old squatter first settlers on the beach, for the purpose of erecting summer residences thereon. — The Hotel about to be now erected and for which Mr. D. B. Chisholm application was made, if granted will answer all the purposes of the said occupants, who will be householders & understand in this new Hotel Establishment. — The claims of every one will be liquidated, and not one person of those whose names appear in this Report but will be amicably adjusted. — This I have reason to know will be the case and so apprise you accordingly. — I am in fact requested to state this for your information.

It is the intention of the applicants and Proprietors of this scheme to build a House and Establishment, and improve the grounds, Road &c. to the extent of 40,000 dollars. — To give them a permanent position ^{of the Beach} they ask for, and will require a lease of 99 years, subject at all times to give up and abandon the premises if required by the Dominion Government, for Military purposes, "a clause of this sort" usually being inserted in such documents. —

The price per annum or otherwise to be hereafter agreed upon and fixed by the Department. —

The great increase of the population of the City of Hamilton, demands that a place of this nature be no longer deferred. - It is required, absolutely, for the healthy recreation of our Citizens. - - -

The fishing station, now on the Lake side and say on the Bay side, the Hotel bathing Establishment, will arrange for, with the department. - - - All the remainder of the beach in front of the new fishing station as shown on the plan and not already described by me, is an open unsightly common. - - -

I strongly recommend this matter to the favorable consideration of the Hon. Minister and the department; I believe the erection of the Establishment referred to, is greatly needed by the citizens of Hamilton and others, besides it will be the beginning of a new and prosperous state of things to our hardy fishermen of Burlington beach, in whose prosperity, I am so deeply interested, and many of whom will hereafter get employment in various ways in connection with this Establishment besides Mrs Joan Baldry, Mrs Sherbin and James Macdowell will get at this present time a money consideration, and be allowed to remove their buildings away. - -

The motives I put forth, and which prompted me to go so fully into this matter will I hope be excuse sufficient, for my doing so. .

Hon. Minister
He. He. He.

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I Have the
John W. Keir
O. D.

Sir,

30th Sep: 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information, that Mr W^m Henry Birmingham of the firm of Messrs George Birmingham & Co, Fishermen, at Cashmere below the dam, on the River Thames near Bothwell Station of the G. M. Railway, called upon me last Thursday. He states they paid \$5 dollars a year, for ^{the} fishing there, want a license for nine years, and will take all the fisheries on the River, from Cashmere, down the River for three miles, and pay for the same sixty dollars per year. — They have fished there for the last sixteen years, and purchased for market all the fish caught there by others. — There are, he states about 18 dip nets fishermen there, besides a number of Indians. —

I would like to go on the spot, make some personal enquiry for the information of the department before I could make a report and recommend Messrs Birmingham & Co's application to be granted. —

May I do so. —

I Have &c

Hon. Minister
of
the
Interior

John W. Herr
S. A.

I remain,
Sir,
Yours
Very
Respectfully

Sir

2. Oct. 1872.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 25th of Sep^r last, with respect to Mr George A. Lacey, of applying for permission to obtain trout spawn during close time. -- Also a copy of your letter to Mr Lacey on the subject. --

I had also a letter from Mr George A. Lacey of Hopedale, Hillsburg P. office myself this day. --

Mr Lacey can get all the speckled trout he requires for his trout breeding establishment in the streams surrounding his town immediate neighbourhood, I would therefore most respectfully recommend that permission be granted by you to Mr Geo. A. Lacey, to obtain speckled trout from any trout stream within the township of Erin, for his fish breeding establishment during close season; say ^{anytime} from the 1st date up to the end of November next. --

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Hon. Minister

Ottawa

2^d Oct. 1872.

Sir, I have the honor to report for your information that on Monday last in the River Credit on the Rapids, near the Indian Village, I found a box trap set, which I destroyed.

The stream was dam'd up and in the centre of the dam, this box was so placed and secured, that all fish coming down the stream run into it, and when once in, the fish remain in until taken out. --

On Saturday last a pike about five lbs, was found in the box by John Peas, a fisherman at Port Credit, who reported the matter to me. --

I could not find an owner for the box trap, so I broke it up, and sent it in pieces down the stream. --

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Hon. Minister.

To Mr. W. O. Murray.

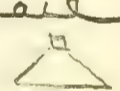
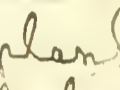
Sir.

2, October 1872.

With reference to the letter of W^m Courman of Galt, of the 12th of September, referred to me by you for my report. —

First, "With regard to fishway on Mill dam in Grand River at Paris," — I have the honor to report that I don't consider it necessary to have a fishway on this dam at all; as in high water in spring or fall, fish have no obstacle about this dam to encounter in ascending the Grand River, —

If Willy Courman, as he is familiarly known would state to the department the truth you would also think as I do.

The apex of the dam at Paris is six feet high, over which surplus water is at present flowing, but in order to make up for the low scarce state of the water during the dry season of the year; the occupants of the Mills on the River have been obliged to tack on a temporary two inch plank 12" wide the entire length of the dam all round which is 400 feet from bank to bank of the G^d River. This fixture will be shortly removed altogether. When the water rises, it is removed every fall and during high water it is never on. — It was wrong then for Mr Courman to mislead you by a false statement that this 2" plank was a square beam of timber stretched along the apex thus  when it is thus  with the water flush to the plank. — But all the rest of his letter is a tissue of falsehoods. —

The dam is Horse shoe shaped, 400 ft from bank to bank in extent. — The apron is 30 ft wide all around from the apex to the lower end at the water edges of the water below the dam. — It may be said there are four aprons one slightly raised above the other forming in the aggregate this 30 ft so that by forming the idea in your minds eye, you will at once perceive there is no necessity for imposing extra expense in this case on the Mill owners or proprietors, merely because Willy Courman mislead.

About five years ago (6400) this dam had \$6400, expended thereon. — And two years ago \$2000 more was expended on the lower apron

8 ft wide all round, being added thereto. --
 The property is owned by the family of the late
 Archibald Kerr, brother to Jas: C. Kerr Esq: Mer-
 chant, Hamilton. -- On the Race formed by this
 dam, there is a flour mill, two Woollen Mills,
 a Saw Mill and factory, beside other establish-
 ments all run by the water power of this dam,
 misrepresented to you. --

Messrs David Turnbull and Robert
 Thompson who occupy the Saw Mill and
 factory and who rent from the Estate of the
 late Arch: Kerr, accompanied me to the dam
 and gave me all the necessary information
 I asked for, beside assisted to make measure-
 ments. --

You were pleased to call upon me
 about five years ago to examine and report
 upon this self same dam, I reported there in
 substance as I do now. --

With reference to the other matters alleged
 in the Courant letter as happening at Galt,
 I will attend to and report to you fully and
 satisfactorily in a few days. --

I Have &c.

John W Kerr
 J. W.

Hon Ministers
 & A. A. /

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Tuesday. 23rd Oct 1872
 at Paris, inspected the dam in the 2nd
 River there, and made my Report on the
 same. See Report dated 2nd October 1872.
 went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5 p. m.
 miles 64. Ry fare 2.00, bulf hire 30, din-
 ner 25¢. H^y Baggage 2.00. --

4.00
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 4.55

Sir,

7. October 1872,

I have the honor to send you herewith, my incidental a/c^t for the quarter ending the 30th day of September 1872. Fifteen dollars and $\frac{55}{100}$ cents, of this amount was spent on special duty. -

John W. Kerr, dining	\$ 4
1. John W. Kerr, Office Rent.	75.10.
2. Fred & E. Ritchie, - postage -	5.00.
3. John W. Kerr, Telegrams, -	1.55.
4. Duncan, Stewart & Co. - Stationary. -	1.86.
	2.00
Total	\$85.514

Respectfully Submitted,

I Have &c

Hon: Minister,

H. H. H.

Ottawa,

John W. Kerr
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* Saturday, 5. October 1872.

at Galt to examine the ashing. Saw mill, Robinson and Howell's establishment, Riv. Plains as per order - See my report for particulars, went out at 8. a. m., came in at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. m. Miles 62. Ry fare 2.00, dinner 30[¢]. - 44 baggage 2.00. -

* Sunday 6th, October 1872,

at Wellington Square, and round by the Heights, and to see Ben: Joice, all regular went out at 12. noon came in at 10. p. m. miles 30 - 44 B. 2.50. See for self & son 50[¢]

* Monday, 7th Oct: 1872,

at Toronto and the Island. Complaint made at 5th John Dorman and the young Harbors also against the Ball alley boy. For fishing in the Toronto bay, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. Miles 44. Ry 1.30, dinner, tea, and had 75[¢] boat 25[¢]. -

Sir,

10. Oct. 1872.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Tuesday last the 8th instant, in the township of Markham, and County of York. I fined Alexander Dewey, \$20, and 2.50 cost, of 30 days Confinement in Jail - "For that he did
 "put sawdust, and mill rubbish, and allow
 "the same to be drifted or thrown into the Big
 "Rouge, in the township of Markham, a stream
 "frequented by fish, in contravention of the
 "Fisheries Act."

As this person promised to set too immediately, and construct a platform by which the sawdust will be kept out of the stream, I hope you will be pleased to allow the fine to remain in abeyance, as a guarantee for future good behaviour.

Being caught in the act, he admitted the offence, and signed it, stating he was ignorant of the law.

He had only commenced to saw the day before my arrival there.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
P.O.Hon. Minister,
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa.

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Tuesday 8. Oct. 1872.

at Toronto, Port Union, and out at David Reesor of Markham, to visit the saw mill on the Rouge, fined Alex Dewey. See the above report. Went out, at 5. a. m. - came in at 8. p. m. - Miles about 60. By fare 55¢, breakfast, dinner tea and bed \$10 - gave Len. Marsh \$2.00 & \$4 Buggy 2.50 By fare back to Toronto 55¢ from Deseré to Toronto Island by boat. Bus. supper 25¢ -

X Wednesday 9. Oct. 1872. -

at the Island, - thence to the Stumbers by boat
met Jack Ward, who told me Johnny Stanton had
white fish selling on the ship caught in a pike
gill net, about a mile out in the lake from
the Garrison shore. - Thence to Port Credit by
H. & L. ferry. \$1.50, pills about 20. - Boat & fare
50¢, breakfast and dinner 50. - $\frac{1.50}{.50} = 1.00$ By fare 90
miles 20.

Sir.

7. October 1872.

I have the honor to receive your instructions
to report upon allegations set forth in a letter
written by Mr. Wm. Cowan of Galt, dated 12th of
September last, which is returned as requested
herewith. - He says: "I am requested to write
to you, asking what steps would be necessary
to prevent poisonous matter being thrown into
the Grand River in this town, and neighbourhood."

In reply to this, I have to state, that I went up to
Galt, on Saturday last, examined Mr James Blain's
Saw Mill, Mr Richard Blain's Stave factory,
Mr Simon Oliver's Ashery, Messrs Robinson and
Howell's Cloth factory, and I have no hesita-
tion in giving this part of Mr Wm. Cowan's letter a
flat contradiction, and whom I can no longer
abstain from designating a malicious vile slan-
derer. - - - No complaint of any kind has been
made to me by this man, since previous to the
4th of July 1871. - At that time he wrote me
a letter making representations which when I pro-
duced him as a witness before Adam Kerr Esq^r
Mayor of Galt, and ^{before} myself, he faltered, and failed
in proving. - I had then to resort to other means
and carried out your order and directions to me
dated per letter of 15th of March 1871. - Written to
me upon representation made to you by James
Young Esq^r M.P. - Galt. - - Mr Cowan
was personally present at all the trial. - - -

There is at present no fishing and game
association at Galt. - James Crombie Esq^r

the last President of the Association at Galt told me so there on Saturday last, so that as Secretary Pro tem Wm. B. Brown, self styled is a myth

But this small specimen of humanity further notes. -- "But there is another difficulty, that is the want of a Fishery officer, who will do his duty." "we have applied to Mr. Kerr of Hamilton, a number of times, but he appears alike regardless of his own word, and our wishes." -- "Although we have never asked anything that was not strictly within both the spirit and letter of the law, having utterly failed to get him to do any thing what we want to know what to do next?" --

In reply to these false and malicious vile slanders, I have simply to refer you to my annual Report of fines for the year ending 31st of December 1874. -- in which you will find the following persons resident of Galt, and neighbourhood, whom I fined and had fined on the 13th July 1871. Thus! --

1. Cyrus Erb, fined 10[¢], and \$3.95 Costs. --
2. Richard Blain, " 1, and 3.50. Costs. --
3. Simon Oliver, " 1, and 3.10. Costs. --
4. Fred^k Moore, " " 2.80. Costs. --
5. Robert Bloomfield and Robert McDougall. " 25[¢], and 2.95 Costs. --

I reported those proceedings to you at the time, in my letter dated 14th of July 1871. -- And in a sixth letter, to you of the same date, I reported to you that I had notices served on several Saw Mill Owners &c. in Elora, and Fenwick, and from that day to this -- no complaints have been made to me. -- And nothing said to you against me by any person until now except what James Young Esq M.P., stated during last Session of Parliament, and wrongfully as you may perceive, and at the instance of this self styled Secretary &c. &c. -- And even at this remote day, I can now refer you back and say, I had then done my

duty. - -

For services rendered you were pleased to allow Mr Thomas McDonald Chief Constable, Salt, 20, for the year 1870. - -

For the year 1871. - Mr McDonald only received half of the finds and Constables fees, in all the cases herein above referred to you, for his services. - - -

For this year I intend to return his name for remuneration. - And in conclusion I may add that if anything had gone wrong Mr McDonald would have at once apprised me. -

The last paragraph of Cowan's letter needs no remark of mine. - - -

Finally!! - The facts set forth here by me will prove what a contemptible person - Willy Cowan is, - This is the position in which he is held by the respectable community of Salt. -

My Report on the Paris dam was sent you on the 2nd instant, -

I Have &c.

John W. Lewis
J. W. -

Hon^{ble} Ministers of
Marine and Fisheries
Ottawa.

X Friday 11. Oct 1872.

at Ontario to see Paddy Hand, he was away at Timbuck, came in at 4 p. m. went out at 8. a. m. Miles about 36. 144 b. 1.50. Railway fare 1.00. dinner 50¢ -

X Saturday 12, October 1872

at Ontario - all regular saw 14th Inglewood at Salmon Trout Spaw, went out at 8. a. m. came home at 5. p. m. miles 30.

Ry fare 90, stage fare 25, dinner 25, 144 b. 1.50

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Sir,

17, October 1872.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Cheque, No. 208 for the sum of thirty eight dollars. -- This amount you will be pleased to apply as follows; for this current year of 1872. --

1. Mr Thomas Elliott, of Niagara, a license from the Wharf, Niagara River, to Kennedys hollow, per Copy of license herewith. -- \$10.00
 2. Mr James Bantrell, licensed to fish at the Four Mile Creek in Lake Ontario &c, as per Copy of license herewith. -- 10.00.
 3. Messrs. Charles and Alfred Ball, Boat license for gill nets in Lake Ontario, a Copy of license herewith. -- 5.00.
 4. Mr John Durnan, license for pike gill nets in Ashbridge bay, Toronto a distance of two miles, as per Copy of license herewith. -- 12.00
 5. Mr Alexander Rella, fishing illegal gill nets in Lake Ontario and catching white fish and Salmon Trout with the same "pike gill nets". Fined \$1. dollar. -- 50.
 6. Mr John Lauff, do do -- 50.
1/2 the fine is also sent herewith.
- Total. -- \$38.00

The Honble

The Minister

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I Have &c

John W. Kerr
T. A.

+ Tuesday & Wednesday
15 & 16. Oct. 1872,

Alex. Rella, paid me off 2. fine, was on the Beach, from 3. o'clock, a.m. until 10. a.m., making observations - Went out at 1/2 past 2. Came in at 12, noon, mile 26. H.V. 2.
Breakfast 50[¢] Horse feed 30[¢]. --

Sir,

14. October 1872.

I have the honor to draw your attention to the fact, that white fish caught at present in the Detroit River at Sandwich &c, now being sold in the fish market here, are very much bruised and discoloured with blood stains in the flesh, all over the body of several of the fish, which I presume must have occurred during life; and in the catching with the seines, and jockeying and huddling them promiscuously into the pens and ponds kept in the River there.

No other fish that comes under my personal observation presents such a motley, ill used appearance as those Detroit River fish, caused I have no doubt by this rough treatment, received in the catching and ponding.

I Have &c.

John W. Kent,
D. O.Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

Ottawa.

Sir,

14. October 1872.

I have the honor to state for your information that I want a "New Letter Book", it will cost about \$3, dollars, and it will last me about two years.

I Have &c.

John W. Kent,
D. O.Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

14. October 1872.

I have the honor to enquire, if there will be a close time for the Detroit River white fish this season from the 19th of November until the 1st of December following, as heretofore or not. — I make this application and enquire at the request of the fish dealers of my District who purchase largely from the Detroit River fishermen.

I Have &c.

John W. Kent,
D. O. Ottawa.Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.
Ottawa

Sir

14. Oct. 1872.

I have the honor to receive your Circular of the 8th of October instant thus! Acquainting me that ~~Special~~ Professor Spencer & Baird, United States Fishery Commissioners, Washington D.C. desires to obtain specimens of white fish from the "Canadian Lakes". - The Minister desires you to procure and forward to Mr Baird such specimens from your locality as you can conveniently obtain accompanied by any remarks on their habits and varieties you may think of interest. - The specimens can be preserved in alcohol."

In reply, I beg most respectfully to state for your information, that those fish being preserved in Alcohol, would bring them liable to Custom duties, was it not that I spoke to the Honorable Mr Blake American Consul here, who will have them ^{sent} through, duty free. - Shall I pay the Express charges on them. -

I believe there is only two distinct varieties of white fish in my division. - Lake Erie white fish, and Lake Ontario white fish are different in one, two and three particulars, as I can establish and prove. -

Would you approve of my sending a few post fish. - A fish Mr Samuel Willmoh stated a few years ago, is a cross between a white fish and some other kind.

And it might not be out of place to send the professor a good specimen of our blue back and green back herring. -

I can procure some good specimens from Lake Erie at Sandusky, in the Detroit River, as they are ^{at present} now being caught there in the hauling seines. - I can readily point out the difference between them and the Lake Ontario white fish. - I shall have to go up there myself, and pick the best specimens. -

There is only two places in Lake Ontario I can procure samples to send away. -

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kerr
P.O.

X Friday 18th October 1872, -

At P^o Credit, to see Billy Woods gang, went out at 8. A. M. came in at 5. P. M. miles 62. Pay fare 1.00⁺ dinner 50⁺ -

Thence to B. beach. Searched Ben Foulds net found lot on Chauley bays old ground not leased to any person J. J. and Fred Kerr with me - brought the nets home as the quickest way to get rent and expenses. Went out at 6. P. M. came in at 11.30 P. M. - miles 24. - H^o B and boat \$3. -

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Sir

19. October 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have just received a letter from Mr George A. Lacey, Proprietor of the Hopedale Speckled Trout Establishment - Thus!! - "The fishing Act is a dead letter in this section &c. -

It will be necessary for me under the provisions of the Act, to proceed at once there, and prosecute the delinquents. - - The Officer Complained of being committed on the west branch and feeder of the River Credit in the County of Wellington a special appropriation of about 25⁺ will be necessary for the Act's performance of this urgent duty.

Hon^r. Ministers
&c. &c.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
&c.

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19 October 1872,

I have the honor to report for your information that on last night about 10.00 clock p.m. I swept a string of 4. gill nets containing about 500 yards, set out on fishing station No 14, in Lake Ontario, on R. Beach. —

The lot is not at present occupied by any person neither had any person applied for a license to fish there. —

Now that I have got the nets in my power, I shall have no difficulty in entering the ground for the remainder of this year to all comers; I hold a license of lot number five on R. Beach, in Lake Ontario and the owners of the nets in question. —

Benjamin called upon me this morning and I propose to return the nets this evening when he takes out a license. —

This will meet the requirements of the Act and at the same time I hope meet your approbation.

Yours Minister

Yc. Yc. Yc.

I have to

John W. Kerr

Yc.

Barton Township Council.

BARTON, Feb. 22, 1875.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Reeve in the chair; all the members present.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, That whereas By-law No. 57, exempting from municipal taxation the Carbon Oil Company's manufacturing establishment, which is situated on a part of lot No. 10, in the second concession of the township of Barton, during the years (A. D.) 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874, be it resolved, That that the term of years for which By-law No. 57 was passed having expired on the 31st day of December, 1874, the Assessor be instructed to assess the said property for the current year, and that this Council be ordered to write him accordingly.—Carried.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by THOMAS MACKLEM, That By-law No. — be now introduced for fixing the salaries of township officials by this Council for this current year.—Carried.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, That the By-law fixing the salaries of Township officers, be now read a second and third time; the blank to be filled up in the By-law, it be passed, signed and sealed.—Carried.

Moved by WILLIAM HILL, seconded by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, That By-law No. 103, for opening the original road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, in the 8th Con. Barton, be now read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, seconded by THOMAS MACKLEM, That the By-law 103, to open the road allowance between Lots Nos. 10 and 11, in the 8th Concession, and that the same be now read a second and third time and passed; that the same be signed and sealed.—Carried.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, That the application of Simon James, Elizabeth Oliver, William Tindill, John Carr, Charles Cooper, John Hairn, Henry McKee, Jacob Hess, Joseph Wilson and George Walker, and their petition to this Council for a certificate of tavern licenses. Be it therefore resolved, that so soon as any or either of the said parties shall have produced to the Reeve or Clerk the certificate required by law from the Tavern Inspector, the Reeve or Clerk do, upon the said applicants or petitioners respectively executing a bond for the proper observance of the Tavern License Act, and the By-law of this Corporation, grant certificate for a tavern license to each of the said applicants or petitioners by the name and for the houses mentioned in their respective applications.—Carried.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by THOS. MACKLEM, That the Reeve do issue his order on the Treasurer for the undermentioned sums:

Mrs. Tosh, a poor widow.....	\$5 00
Thomas Unwin, a poor man.....	5 00
Mrs. Jane Williams, a poor woman.....	5 00
John Meeks, a poor man.....	5 00
Patrick Langdon, a poor man.....	2 00
William Nelson, a poor, sick man—wood	4 00
R. D. Bensley, for provisions, funeral ex-	
penses to Geo. Hunt and family.....	13 25
Samuel Glazzard, repairing culvert.....	8 00
The Times Office, for printing Minutes	
for 1874.....	30 00
Messrs. Hart & Rawlinson, do do.....	1 37
Widow Duggan, a poor woman.....	4 00
Alfred Perkins, a poor man.....	5 00
Jacob Heff, removing fence.....	3 00
Mrs. Broadwater, a load of wood.....	4 00

—Carried.

Moved by J. W. KERR, seconded by THOS. MACKLEM, That the agreement entered into at the time of the formation of Union School, Section No. 5, by Deputy-Reeve, R. D. Bensley, Jo Barton, and Alonzo Egleston, Reeve of Ancaster, be carried out by this Council, and that Col. Aikman be instructed to do so.—Carried.

Moved by J. E. LOTTRIDGE, seconded by WILLIAM HILL, That this Council do now adjourn to meet at John Kerr's Hotel, on the 29th of March next, at 10 o'clock a. m.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned until Monday, 22nd day of March next, then to meet at John Carr's Hotel, at 10 o'clock a. m.

THOMAS LAWRY, J. H. BURKHOLDER,
Reeve. Township Clerk.

